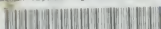


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VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL, with a maximum capacity of 1800, housed 1746 students and 103 teachers in the 1986-87 school year. Despite our calm appearance to the outside world, on the inside, we desperately TRIED TO MAKE IT FIT.



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AS OUR OFFENSE maneuvers on the football field, students react in hopes of a touchdown. VHS lost its Homecoming game to LaPorte, 7-0.

Day One ...

Braving Hallways And Traffic Jams

August 25, 1986, 7:40 a.m.

"I can't believe this!"

2727 North Campbell was in a state of confusion.

With the first-time addition of 427 freshmen, as well as 442 sophomores rocking VHS onto its heels, the year began with more than a little apprehension.

No line was conquered in under 15 minutes; no stairway was survived without a bump, a poke or a bruise.

To accommodate a student body which had increased by 31 percent, 21 teachers joined the previous staff of 82, and another 25-minute lunch period was added to the schedule, forcing some students and teachers to eat lunch at 10:50 in the morning.

The congestion, the cramping, the craziness — students said we'd never survive day one.

But life went on after that first day. And when each change came along, we did the only thing we could do — WE TRIED TO MAKE IT FIT.

by Karen Mutka





SCHOOL SPIRIT WAS high for the homecoming game against La-Porte. In honor of the occasion, sophomores Jeff Neal and John DeMan spent 30 minutes painting their faces to achieve this green and white Viking look.



ON THE MAIN stage at 3:15 p.m., senior Paul Gold and his band Digital Hair entertained crowds at the Popcorn Festival. Digital Hair was paid \$100 for its performance which included songs like "Your Number or Your Name" and "The Memory Remains."

AFTER PLACING SECOND at the VU cross-country regionals, junior Jim Arnold accepts congratulations from Washington Township principal Lonnie Steele. VU was also the sight of other community events, including Christmas vespers services, four dramatic productions and cultural lectures.



PORTER COUNTY'S FOUR-STORY courthouse was rebuilt after a fire in 1935. The first courthouse was completed in November of 1873.





Valpo: What a Name!

On an Indiana state road map, it's merely a dot in block B-4. Area: a little over eight square miles. Population: approximately 22,000.

But to us, Valparaiso is a lot more than a simple combination of statistics.

History books interpret the Spanish name "Valparaiso" to mean "a vale of paradise."

Can a "vale of paradise" really exist in the middle of Northwest Indiana? Maybe so.

Maybe the County Seat Plaza makes Valpo a "paradise." Ten years ago, the corner of Calumet Avenue and Vale Park Drive wasn't much more than a K-Mart surrounded by an unkempt, grassy field. Today, we need a calculator to count all the businesses in this same area.

It might be the Popcorn Festival we celebrate every September. Attractions like the Popcorn Parade, the five-mile Popcorn Panic and concerts on the main stage entice residents from all parts of Porter County to Valpo.

Or, it could be the parks. The beauty of Ogden Gardens lures an ever-increasing number of couples to marry there. Parks like Kirchoff and Bicentennial regularly are sites of softball games, picnics and family outings. And for swimming, we drive an average of only 20 minutes to cool down at the Dunes.

Most likely, it isn't one of these things, but a combination of them all that makes Valparaiso a "Vale of Paradise" to us.

by Karen Mutka

Pieces of the Puzzle

After the initial shock, there was more to come. Days unfolded to include the usual doses of football and basketball games, telephone calls and evenings out with "the gang."

But in 1987, "The Year of the Tight Squeeze," the gang was bigger than it used to be. Old cliques composed of five or six people endured the process of social reorganization, but new additions made each clique more like a clan.

While the school enrollment increased to a number students felt was "too many," some things comfortingly remained the same. Admission was still \$1.50 at sock hops. County Seat Cinema movie tickets were \$4.50 — still too much, and Dairy Queen Blizzards, a VHS favorite, still cost \$1.45.

The gym's north balcony, Southlake Mall and County Seat Plaza — they were places where we got together for events that made the year worth remembering.

Sometimes these events fit into the framework of student life, and sometimes they didn't. But they were all **PIECES OF THE PUZZLE.**

by Karen Mutka



STUDENTS CROWDED THE bleachers on Friday nights to watch the Viking football team in action. Sophomore Dan Betjemann, juniors Doug Klemz, Todd Agnew and Matt Krynski, senior Jeff Adney, and juniors Jeff Hood and Joe Gerzema lead the cheers.



FRESHMAN BIOLOGY EXPERIMENTS enabled freshmen like Jennifer Mutka to apply scientific skills learned in class.



MANY FRESHMEN EXCELLED in VHS extra-curricular activities. Mark Hanner chose to pursue his interest in drama by successfully auditioning for a role in the fall play, "Cheaper By the Dozen."



What's new?

It was like mixing a cake.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors were dropped in the "bowl," Valparaiso High School. But in 1986, a first-time ingredient, the freshman class, was added to the mixture. Students and faculty members wondered: Would the freshmen destroy the batter? Could they adjust to life in an overcrowded bowl?

Some freshmen felt the transition from junior high to high school was, literally, "a piece of cake."

"I had no trouble adjusting to life at VHS," said Jessica Dunn. "The staff and upperclassmen made the freshmen feel very warm and welcome in a time when we were all very apprehensive."

Another freshman described her adjustment to VHS more bluntly: "I thought it would be so exciting . . . but it completely bored me," said Susan Law.

Two orientation sessions — one occurring in the spring of their eighth grade year and the other on August 26 — were intended to help freshmen adjust to the VHS environment. At these sessions, students were given tours of VHS. However,

frosh

according to freshman Maureen Sullivan, the maps of VHS distributed at orientation left some students feeling rather disoriented. "I knew where all my classes were, but the map drawer forgot to include the bathrooms," said Sullivan.

Familiarity with VHS was not solely accomplished through orientation, however. Participation in extra-curricular clubs and organizations or participation on freshman athletic teams also helped freshmen become more attune to VHS life. "Sports helped me adjust because I met upperclassmen, and they told me who and what to look for," said Janine Rose.

Though orientation sessions and familiarity with the building may have eased adjustment, some freshmen encountered problems as

VHS students. Lockers, measuring six feet from the floor to the top, proved to be an unlikely nemesis for Kim Dennington, who commented, "It's hard for me to reach the top shelf of my locker."

Even the red-carpeted VHS library was not immune to the confusion. "No one told me that the library had two floors," said Becky Stanier.

Problems with upperclassmen, rather than with physical facilities, haunted others. "These seniors come in to the lunchroom and get right up in front of the line, and it ticks a lot of people off," said Jeff Gordon.

Hallways, which often were packed wall-to-wall with students during passing periods, also showed no mercy to many VHS freshmen.

"I've seen seniors knock a freshman down in the hallways and just keep on walking," said Gene Corneil.

At VHS, the 427 freshmen were the missing ingredient that gave "the mixture" consistency. And it was a mixture Betty Crocker would've been proud of.

by Pete Yelkovic



ELECTIVE FIRST-YEAR foreign language classes enabled freshmen to learn Spanish, French, German or Latin. The large number of freshmen taking a foreign language necessitated a total of 16 first-year classes.



Just another

Job

The clock reads 2:31 p.m.

Students rush to their lockers grabbing what books they "intend" to study that night. After gossiping with friends for several minutes, some go to places like Burger King to grab a bite to eat and talk some more. Some go over to friends houses to watch shows like "The Dating Game" and relax, and some go home to unwind from the strenuous day, eat, maybe take a nap, then watch "The Cosby Show" or "Moonlighting." In simpler terms, their after-school lives are at a relaxed pace.

At the same time, however, many VHS students sacrifice their spare time for after-school jobs. According to these workers, free time is scarce, and sleep time is welcomed.

"I leave school at 2:45, go straight to work, and get home about 9:30. I'm so exhausted I rarely finish all of my homework," said senior Jodi Frailey, who works

at Philips Ace Hardware approximately 25 hours per week.

Many others agreed their jobs get in the way of homework. After working in school and then at their places of employment, relaxation was desired, but homework and odd jobs at home often stood in the way.

"My job takes up so much of my time that my grades suffer. I don't know if it's worth having a job during the school year," said senior Jeff Osterhout, who is employed at Wendell's Marathon.

"It would be great if money grew on trees, but that's not the case. We have to

give up fun time for work time," said senior Jim Schroeder who delivers pizzas for Dominos.

After-school employment became a necessity for many VHS students seeking to find new sources of money for saving or spending.

According to senior Melanie Kolczak, after-school employment helps ease the financial burden of attending college. "I plan to waitress at Schoop's for one more year and then go to college with the money I've saved," said Kolczak.

Osterhout, though, said he worked mainly to gain spending money. "I admit I need money for dates, concerts, gas for my car and other things," he said.

Though the school day ended at 2:30 p.m., these employees found the work had just begun.

by Lori Sier



TWENTY HOUR WORK weeks were the norm for senior Carrie Ronneau who shows a dress to a customer. Ronneau was employed by Miller's Mart.

PLANT WATERING in Schultz Floral shop's greenhouse was one of the many duties relegated to senior Lance Lemon.

Almost paradise

Traditionally, Homecoming conjures up images of fans armed with hot dogs and hot chocolate enjoying an evening football game played in cool, crisp autumn temperatures.

This year, however, VHS fans gathered at the Viking stadium on Friday, October 3, equipped with umbrellas and raincoats to watch the varsity football team take on the LaPorte Slicers. A lot of things weren't "picture perfect." After absorbing four days of steady rain, "the field was awful," explained senior John Pishkur.

Although the rain held off throughout the game, the muggy weather didn't dampen the spirit of the crowd as it awaited the presentation of the 1986 Homecoming court and the crowning of Queen Mary Bielich and Princess Lori Sier.

Even though the Vikings' 7-0 loss to LaPorte worsened the already inclement conditions, most people still agreed it was a good homecoming.

"People dressed up as nerds or they mismatched to show their spirit," senior Bonni Nuest said.

Due to the demise of Pep Club, the cheerleaders, for the first time, sponsored Homecoming under the direction of Lisa En-

gen and Ginger Jones.

"We worked hard and accomplished a lot for such a small group," Engen said. "I was pleased with the turnouts."

To promote spirit, Homecoming week included dress up days like Inside-Out and Sweats Day. Hats and Glasses Day occurred Tuesday, followed by Mismatch Day, Nerds Day, and the traditional Green and White Day on Friday.

Although interclass competitions had been scheduled to accompany the bonfire on Thursday, October 2, the rainy weather only permitted the band to perform while the cheerleaders and football players gave speeches to pep up the crowd.

On Saturday, October 4, 270 couples sailed to "Paradise Island" and danced to the music of B & B from 8-11 p.m. on the VHS north balcony.

"I had fun because there were so many people there and the decorations and food were great," said junior Kathleen Brady. "Even though it was raining outside, the palm trees and other decorations made me feel like I was on an island."

by Lori Sier



1986 HOMECOMING COURT: Bonni Nuest, Julie Bowen, Queen Mary Bielich, Princess Lori Sier, Lisa Dimitri, and Katie Wittlinger. The court was presented to the crowd during half-time of the homecoming game.

VIKING FOOTBALL PLAYERS Mike Barone, Jeff Daxe, Jason Mack, Cole Doolittle, and Dan Rice prepare to form a huddle and discuss game strategy.





CONGRATULATION KISSES WERE in order for newly-crowned Queen Mary Bielich as she stepped to meet seniors Jill Bodensteiner and Carolyn Miller after the halftime show.



LEGEND STATES THAT a pot of gold graces the end of every rainbow, but junior Michele White and senior Larry Wright dispell the myth by finding a different treasure — their heart. More than 270 hearts — one for each couple — served as dance decorations on the north wall.

SHOUTS AND LAUGHTER filled the Gilbreth household as cheerleader Joe Scales, junior Scott Newsom, demonstrated the "hoo, rah, ray and a tiger" cheer of Montclair High School. Scales hoped to take Earnestine Gilbreth out on a date.

TENSE ANTICIPATION FIT the mood of Frank Gilbreth as he watched teacher Miss Brill, played by senior Julie Elkins, grade his daughter's graduation examination. Gilbreth's daughter Anne, played by sophomore Christianne Dick, had completed the examinations in hope of achieving an early high school graduation.

EFFICIENCY CAN BE applied in taking a bath according to Frank Gilbreth, played by senior Pete Yelkovic, who demonstrated to his family the "proper" way to bathe without wasting motion. Throughout the play, Gilbreth gave various tips to his family on saving time in household activities.





"SHORT UNDERTHINGS" PROVIDE a shock to the Gilbreth family as Anne Gilbreth explains to her father why she purchased them. Gilbreth bought them to help increase her chances of catching the eyes of other boys.

Cheaper by the Dozen

Serious Fun

In the beginning, on October 26, Alice Gambel knew for sure that she had three things to work with — a play, a cast and a couch.

Together, these three things provided the framework for the drama department's fall production, "Cheaper By the Dozen."

"Cheaper By the Dozen," a true story written by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey, is the tale of Frank Gilbreth, Senior's struggle to raise, and at the same time control, 12 strong-minded children. Life in the Gilbreth household is typically filled with surprise fingernail inspections, language lessons in the bathrooms and instructions on the most efficient way to take a bath.

Although Gambel and her 18-member cast (17 students, one dog) put the show together in roughly one month, preparations for the play began at the end of the 1985-86 school year, when Gambel began reading scripts.

"I wanted to do a serious drama. Even though 'Cheaper By the Dozen' is a comedy, it has serious overtones," said Gambel.

"It's a meaningful play because of the

realities that are presented in it," said senior Pete Yelkovic, who portrayed Frank Gilbreth. "The message is in the second to last line of the play. You should spend your time doing what you want to do — 'where your heart lies,' as the play says."

After selecting her cast from a field of 83 auditioners, Gambel blended actors, costumes, sound and lights into one final product.

"It's like building a house. You put up the decorations last," she said. "Believe it or not, I built almost everything around the couch because I had one definitely picked out. I knew it was rose, and I also knew that at some point in the show, every costume would be sitting on that couch!"

Four-and-one-half weeks and \$4300 later, the cast gave its debut performance to 1300 middle school students, a group that turned out to be the largest audience of the play's five-day run.

"I was sick over the audience sizes for this show. Maybe it was just poor timing — I don't know," said Gambel. "But how can you fight the Bears game?"

by Karen Mutka



AFTER SINGING HIS self-written song "Don't Say It's Over" at an October sock-hop, Digital Hair lead singer Chad Clifford pauses in reflection.

HEIGHT CAN MAKE slow dancing difficult, but seniors Dan Eichmeier and Jin Jin Charon overcome the problem as they dance to Berlin's "Take My Breath Away."



STUDENTS CELEBRATED OUR 42-7 football victory over Chesterton by dancing at the post-game sock-hop.

Hop, skip and

jump

For VHS clubs, they were huge money-makers. For student bands or DJ's, they provided active, interested audiences. For the typical VHS student, they were just part of the Friday night routine. They were, of course, sock-hops.

For those involved in planning these casual dances, however, sock-hops proved to be more than just routine.

"The nuts and bolts stuff in planning sock-hops is very important," said Assistant Principal and Director of Student Activities Steve Cronk.

According to Cronk, the "nuts and bolts stuff" of planning weekly sock-hops included "arranging off-duty police officers for security, recruiting faculty to chaperone the dance, coordinating which doors are to be open and which are to be locked and, even, making certain that we don't violate any fire codes," said Cronk.

The most important element in any sock-hop, the music, is also determined by Cronk. "It's my job to book the DJ or the band — depending upon the circumstances."

"I usually ask the dance sponsor which DJ or band he or she wants, and then I do my best to satisfy them," said Cronk.

While Cronk feels both bands and DJ's are good sock-hop performers, he feels DJ's are more advantageous to weekly sock-hops.

"On Friday nights, you need someone who can set up very, very quickly, and a DJ can do that," said Cronk.

Dick Strahm, head VHS custodian, agreed with Cronk: "After a game, you only have about 15 or 20 minutes to get the floor cleaned and ready for the dance," said Strahm.

Cronk also added that DJ's have an added advantage over bands in being able to "shift gears with music."

Tom Fiegle, DJ for 3-D Music Company, felt that DJ's are able to accommodate differ-

ent tastes in music but are unable to please every sock-hop attendee. "Although satisfying everyone is extremely difficult, I believe that most people have a good time, and that's the main idea, right?" said Fiegle.

While DJ's such as B and B Music and 3-D Music Company have dominated the sock-hop scene, they don't, according to Cronk, have a "stranglehold on the market." Student bands like Blue Elvis and Digital Hair have also graced the VHS sock-hop stage during the 1986-87 school year.

According to Digital Hair guitarist senior Paul Gold, bands, unlike DJ's, have the ability to perform original and less-common songs at sock-hops. "Digital Hair feels that playing at sock-hops is great. Digital Hair's music is geared toward our age group and, at the sock-hops, there are 600 kids who are gonna hear our music. Our main concern is getting our original songs across to our audience," said Gold.

by Pete Yelkovac



DUE TO TREMENDOUS crowds, sock-hops in 1986-87 were moved from the gym's north balcony to the main floor.

Dances Promote Festive holiday

To many people throughout the world, holidays are synonymous with decorations, candy, flowers, and gifts. To many VHS students, however, holidays also were synonymous with semi-formal dances.

On Saturday, December 13, 210 couples were able to stroll down New York City's Time's Square and Broadway. The dance, "Christmas on Broadway," was sponsored by Student Council.

"Although the dance turned out pretty good, I was disappointed with decorating. Only one-fourth of the club helped," said senior Mary Bielich, Student Council president.

Music by 3-D blared in the north balcony, pictures were taken by Dennis Crane, and students sat on "Santa's" (social studies teacher Sid Reggie) lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas.

After the excitement of Christmas spirit ended, interest focused on the King of Hearts dance, "Fortress Around Your Heart," which occurred on Saturday, February 28. Tickets were \$6 per couple. Mrs. Karen Hartman, V-teens sponsor, added that the funds raised from the dance were designated for a specific purpose. "The money was donated to the Porter County Heart Association," she said.

Ordinarily guys are the ones who buy dance tickets and pay for dinner. However, roles were reversed at this dance, and the girls experienced the joys and heartaches of a guy's role.

To end the King of Hearts dance, Mike Barone was crowned King while Jeff Leffew was named Prince.

Though not as tangible as other items used in promoting the holiday seasons, VHS students agreed that these dances truly served to lift holiday spirits.

by Lori Sier



SOPHOMORE TARA FIFIELD and senior David Doelling sway to music played by 3-D at the Christmas dance. In keeping with the "Christmas on Broadway" theme, located on the north wall were stars for each couple.



AN ASSISTANT FROM Spasoff Photographers positions freshmen Gail Beidron and Keith Bickers to look "picture perfect."



COUPLES EMBRACE EACH other as they dance to a slow song at the King of Hearts dance. Music was provided by B & B.

IN ORDER TO see the main attractions on Broadway, seniors Michelle Klinefelter and Chad Clifford had to give their ticket to the "Tix-Booth" person. Tickets cost \$7 per couple.



KING OF HEARTS COURT: (front) King Mike Barone. (back) Paul Gold, Prince Jeff Leffew, Jeff Osterhout, and Larry Wright.



MEMBERS OF A-BAND didn't have much free time from their schedule of marching performances in California. However, when they did have spare time, they relaxed together at places like Balboa Beach. Their "vacation" lasted one week.

INCLEMENT WEATHER in Florida fails to stop seniors Kaye Keller, Prue Searles and Katie Hofferth from enjoying their spring break. The girls spent their spring break '87 in Daytona Beach.



DURING THE A-BAND'S trip to California, juniors Rebecca VanDenburgh, Lisa McLean and Jennifer Bryant enjoy Disneyland with Mickey Mouse. The band marched throughout the amusement park before taking this break.



Fun in the sun

Rest, relaxation, sun and plenty of fun were on the minds of Valparaiso High School students as their vacationing plans for spring break unfolded.

According to a random survey of 152 VHS students, plans for the one-week vacation were diverse.

Southern states — particularly Florida — seemed to be the most popular destinations for VHS students.

"During spring break, we went to Florida," said junior John Newlin. "It was cloudy most of the time, but at the end of the week we had some nice weather."

While it may have been cloudy at times in Florida, students reported that the weather "out west" was better. "Spring break in Phoenix was the best! The weather was in the 90's," said senior Jessica Hofferth.

School-related trips also influenced VHS students' vacation plans.

Under the guidance of English teacher Mrs. Judith Lebyk and French teacher Mrs. Carolyn Hardebeck, 35 students and faculty members toured England "to experience the English culture," explained Lebyk.

The group stayed in London, Stratford, Edinburg and York. In addition, students

visited Oxford, Lake District and Cambridge.

While English students traveled north, 56 junior and senior band members journeyed west to California. During their week-long stay, they marched at Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm, in addition to giving a concert at Londontown. Other highlights included tours of Universal Studios and Marina Del Ray, as well as a trip to the Crystal Cathedral to see the play "The Glory of Easter."

Although many students claimed to have experienced "fun in the sun" over spring break, others were not so lucky. Some students stayed in town to work extra hours for their employers, and dedicated VHS athletes used the time to train.

Sophomore Paul Sarafin explained, "During spring break, I went to the cleat house every day for two hours and worked out with the weights."

Whether they were working on their tans on an exotic beach in Florida or in their own back yards, students agreed that spring break really was a break from the pressures of school.

by Karen Mutka and Stacy Stonebraker

THOUGH OFTEN CONFUSED with the "London Bridge," the "Tower Bridge" serves as a true London landmark. VHS students participating on this London trip saw the bridge and many other famous London landmarks.



Antics face

Fairy tale finish

On the record sleeve of its 1966 recording of popular American bedtime stories, Wonder Record Company metaphorically defined "the fairy tale."

"In a way," the inscription reads, "the fairy tale is a reflection of childhood — there are some hardships, but everything turns out for the best."

Though this definition was penned more than 20 years ago, the latter part was also applicable to the 1987 VHS production of April Antics, which was presented April 24 and 25. Beginning with auditions and surfacing again at the final performance, Co-director Alice Gambel said several predicaments hindered but didn't halt the production.

"At auditions, I found that many of the acts were unprepared or unorganized, so I had to use a thematic approach to fit them in so the show would run smoothly," Gambel explained. "I geared the theme 'Once Upon A Time' toward youngsters for a change-of-pace," she added.

Poor grades also forced the removal of some actors from the show. "For the first time, I had to eliminate some people because of deficient grades — this was really unfortunate," Gambel confessed.

In spite of these preliminary problems, Gambel claimed that rehearsals ran smoothly. Under the direction of Gambel and Co-director Daniel Pritchett, the 53-member cast

spent three weeks practicing for the show that included a variety of musical, instrumental dance and dramatic scenes.

With the theme "Once Upon A Time," the show focused upon the nighttime dreams of a little girl named Lindsay who, from her bed, dreams of various characters who performed their respective acts. And it was this bed that gave Gambel her final headache at the Saturday night performance.

In the middle of act two, when the wolf, played by sophomore Andrew Bray, was being shot, the bed suddenly cracked and fell to the floor. "At first, I laughed because it was so funny, but then I thought 'I can't believe it fell apart' and 'I hope it can be fixed,'" said Gambel.

According to Gambel, Bray averted major disaster through some outstanding improvisational acting. "Fortunately, Andrew covered very, very well when the bed broke," Gambel chuckled.

Noted American humorist James Thurber once wrote a story entitled "The Night The Bed Fell In." In Thurber's story, the characters suffered greatly from this misfortune. In April Antics '87, however, the bed did indeed fall in, but in true dramatic tradition, the show went on, and according to Gambel, "everything turned out just fine."

by Pete Yelkovic



"ROMEO AND JULIET," performed by junior Marla Ruble, helps induce sleep among the seven dwarfs. Ruble portrayed the character, Snow White.





THOUGH NOT YOUR "typical" babysitter, Andromeda, played by senior Kryz Seligman, comforts Lindsay Eaton before bedtime with a story. The show focused upon Eaton's dreams.



WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE, junior Mindy Heinold belts out the song "If They Could See Me Now." The show was interspersed with musical routines.

RELIEVED THAT SUPERMAN, portrayed by junior Tom Fiegle, saved her from the grasps of a mugger, senior Karla Droegge expresses her appreciation.



IN THE FAIRY tale spirit of April Antics '87, sophomore John Mecker and senior Patty Bird perform their rendition of "Zip A Dee Do Dah". At the end of Act 1, the audience was encouraged to sing.

BOTH PROM AND Post - prom provided opportunities for students to dance. Prom, which occurred at the Porter County Expo Center, lasted from 8 to 11 p.m.



Sea of Love

Atlantis reborn

During March, students whispered about it once in a while. It still seemed pretty far away. But on April 15, the facts were hard to ignore: prom was only a month away.

As the anticipation fever hit VHS, people began to look around. Guys tried to muster the courage to ask someone to "the social event of the season," while girls fretted about getting a date as well.

"Everybody wants to go to prom," explained one senior. "Most people feel disappointed if they don't go because there's so much talk about your senior prom — it's supposedly one of the best memories people have of high school."

It was the biggest dance of the year, with more than 200 couples attending the three-hour bash featuring the local band "Midwest Express." Working with its theme "The Sea Of Love," the junior class transformed the Porter County Expo Center into a "lost city of Atlantis," according to Mrs. Rhonda Yelton, junior class sponsor.

"About 25 kids worked from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. decorating the Expo Center on the day of prom," said Yelton.

Due to the evening's activities, May 15 was a half day of school, allowing other juniors to help decorate after school let out at 11:15 a.m.

"We used all kinds of decorations to give it the 'underwater look' — nautical flags, a dock, all kinds of fish, mermaids, divers and seaweed. We also rented a bubble machine to make it a little more realistic," she added.

"It took a lot of work to get that place fixed up the way we did, but it was worth it. The decorations really looked fantastic. I should've brought flippers and goggles!" exclaimed junior Pete Speckhard.

In keeping with the "underwater" idea, post-prom was themed "Cruisin' '87." Besides the usual food and games, the three and one-half hour party featured palm readers, night club acts and music by the band "Abacus."

As senior Bruce Condie stated, "The whole experience was incredible. I had a fabulous time. Prom '87 was definitely a gala occasion I will treasure always."

by Karen Mutka



SEAGULLS ADORN THE entrance to Prom at the Expo Center as junior Jim Jankowski and his date, junior Jamie Clark, stroll in to join the festivities.



SENIORS BOB MORRISON and Linda Varela share a quiet moment between dances. The band "Midnight Express" provided Prom music.



SUNGLASSES WORN BY 1986 VHS graduate Dave Frobish and senior Charlene Kuehl provide a modern flair to the traditional Post-prom. These glasses were given to all couples.

BEFORE HAVING THEIR picture taken at Prom, the photographer's assistant makes a last-minute adjustment to junior Kerry Lewandowski and senior Tim Atha.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH tradition, members of the Valparaiso High School Class of 1987 turn their tassels to indicate that they have indeed

graduated. Senior class vice-president Carolyn Miller led the turning for the graduates.

STREAMERS AND CONFETTI fly through the gym at the end of the June 3 graduation ceremony. The ceremony lasted approximately two hours.

SENIOR CHRIS BALLA steps to receive his diploma cover from principal Dr. David Bess. The graduates received their diplomas after commencement in homeroom.



CONGRATULATORY HUGS PROVED commonplace after the graduation ceremony ended. Later in the evening, the graduates were invited to a party at the V.U. Union.



IN THE MOMENTS after the reception of their diplomas, the graduates react to the termination of their high school careers.



AS CLASS OF 1987 Valedictorian, senior Martha Maiers addresses the graduates. Maiers graduated with a G.P.A. of 4.282.

Graduation

Turning tassels

June 3, 1987. The countdown calendars are down, the caps and gowns are in place, the Valparaiso High School gymnasium is decorated in green and white. A class of nearly 400 students sits in anticipation: a foot twitches here, a cough there, quick glances around the room.

The speeches drag on forever. Only about an hour to go ... the seniors check their watches.

Finally the speeches are finished; the diplomas have reached the Z's ... and it's over.

In past years, seniors hurled their caps into the air to signify graduation. In 1987, however, because of new safety precautions, they release balloons and toss streamers in celebration.

Martha Maiers and Melissa Hutton, valedictorian and salutatorian, are congratulated by Dr. David Bess, VHS principal, and parents and friends try to find the people they have come to see.

Every VHS senior has waited and counted down, and by the end of his junior year knew to the minute how long he had yet to wait for this unforgettable day.

For twelve years these students have been conditioned to react the way they were "supposed" to act. That, however, all changed in two hours. No one told these people what to do when it was all over. All the waiting, all the working, and all the frustration seemed to go away in one heave-ho ... and the streamers go flying!

by Jennifer Mitol


JUNIOR KIM GOTT concentrates on her work as she types a paragraph. Sophomore Ginger Gudino works next to her.



AFTER AN HOUR in the kitchen, senior Tom McDermott serves junior Corey Fortune a plate of a German vegetable dish. They prepared it in Foreign Foods class.

FOCUSING IN ON a slide, freshman Dan Davis examines a plant cell. Biology students regularly worked with microscopes and slides.





Put to the Test

On paper, the facts about academics in 1987 were intimidating. We saw the birth of 15 biology classes and 15 English classes mainly to bear the burden of the freshman class. New entries in the curriculum guide also included classes VHS had never seen before, ranging from third year Latin to Images of Humanity, a course about Russian literature. There was a senior seminar; there was a freshman seminar. The popularity of art classes like photography sky-rocketed so much that a second dark room was built to accommodate beginning and advanced students in 13 classes.

Overpopulation of the student body led to such a great increase in the teaching staff that for the first time, teachers all had to share classrooms throughout the day. And in the school library, alias the "learning center," a circulation and security system was installed to prevent "book-lifting" by the masses. On the lighter side of education, competitions like Academic Decathlon, Hoosier Spell Bowl and Academic Super Bowl stumped us with questions about anything and everything academic.

Whether we faced a 50-point pre-cal test, a hallway jammed to the breaking point or a computer program that just wouldn't work, in 1987, we were PUT TO THE TEST.

by Karen Mutka



SOPHOMORE MARK SZYMANSKI demonstrates how to use the air brush for his Advanced Drawing class, taught by Mr. Kurt Anderson.

MONOCHROMATIC PAINTING FOR Mr. Robert Cain's Painting I class is junior Barb Adkins. She also took Photography first semester.



Creative classes

Student imaginations run wild with ideas

Whoops! This can't be photography, but the room said D231! How come it's so dark in here? And what's that disgusting odor? Where's the teacher and the other students?

Many students dread the thought of boring lectures and uncomfortable desks, but art classes provide "hands on" training in a creative atmosphere.

Kurt Anderson, who has taught art classes for 14 years noticed that student interest in art has increased so much, that VHS now has a record four or five photography classes each semester.

Since last year's change to a seven period day, Anderson noticed that, "The increased period has opened the door to more

students."

"Since our classes have diminished in size, this is a real bonus for us," said Robert Cain, 26 year instructor at VHS.

Due to the freshman class, another teacher was added to the department, for a total of three. "Ten would be even better," said Cain. He added that having more teachers would bring more ideas to the program.

Mrs. Linda Malott, felt the squeeze due to more students, courses and teachers. "They added a teacher, but not another classroom," she said.

Although a limited amount of space prevented the building of another classroom, a new darkroom was constructed for photography students. It is fully equipped to produce color prints.

This new darkroom, as well as the chance to learn new techniques, lured Kristin Peuquet to advanced photography. "We learn a lot and I think it's worth the time and money."

Senior Mike Phipps pointed out, "The cost of film, paper, and the initial fee cost me about \$44.50, but you have to take the good with the bad."

While the only requirement for Basic Photography is that a student be a junior or senior, Advanced Photography still has the prerequisite of Basic Photography.

Chemical stains and pencil smudges on clothing may be considered bad aspects of art, but the results that develop from hours of work are generally quite satisfying.

by Amy Sanford



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT Esther Eckelmans prepares a photography assignment for Mr. Kurt Anderson's Basic Photography class.

CHECKING OUT A camera for a week-end photography assignment is senior Tom McDermott.



STILL LIFE IS the subject of senior Rhonda Pessmeg's Painting I assignment. She continued by taking Drawing I first semester.

Blood and guts

Dissecting animals and watching wars

Remember dissecting that first worm in biology class or reading about the bombing of Pearl Harbor in U. S. History? At VHS, students did things not necessarily because they wanted to, but because they were required to by state regulations or school policies.

Due to new state regulations, underclassmen at VHS must have two years of science — one life science and one physical science to graduate. The upperclassmen were only required to have one year.

"Before the new state requirement, high school students could start a class and drop it whenever it got too difficult. Now, they have to learn about the environment or not graduate," said science teacher

Cheryl Younger.

Because of the change in regulations, three new teachers from Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson Junior High Schools were added to the Science Department staff.

In addition, the Science Department had to supply four regular classrooms with lab equipment.

While the high school science requirements changed, the social studies requirements stayed the same.

The Indiana State Board of Education specifies that students must pass one semester of both government and economics. The Valparaiso Board of Education added two semesters of U. S. History to those requirements, making a total of four credits needed for graduation.

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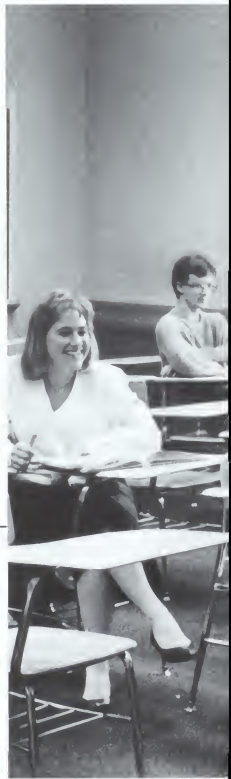
"Social Studies is taught partly out of tradition. Because the parents had it, the children must have it. Social Studies also is taught to teach us to appreciate our heritage and to learn how our country operates," said Mr. Pat Murphy, Social Studies teacher.

For students interested in majoring in these fields, the departments offered elective classes, like Sociology and Psychology for social studies; and Astronomy and Geology for science.

Because of the regulations, students could get interested in the subjects and take elective classes that would help them prepare for college and careers.

by Heather Fierst

AS THEY WORK ON THE precipitate lab, junior Mindy Eichhorn and sophomore Daiva Paulauskas watch and hope that their test tubes will have precipitates at the bottom when they are finished.





DURING HER LAST semester at VHS, Mrs. Brenda Lott plays cultural Bingo with her third hour Sociology class. Lott who moved to Christiansburg, Virginia, was replaced by Mrs. Diane Davis.



AT THE ANNUAL Physics Bridge Contest, junior Pete Speckard's (at left) bridge is put to the test. However, it held only one kilogram before it collapsed.

MR. CHARLES STAINER adds a little humor to his lecture in Applied Economics class. Seniors must pass one semester of economics to graduate.

Life skills, goals

Students prepare with hands-on training

"The early bird gets the worm." Such is the belief of the Valparaiso High School Vocational Department where necessary skills for the future are initially introduced.

To acquaint themselves with various health occupations, students participated in the Health Careers classes offered at VHS.

Included courses were: Dental Health, Health Occupations, and Health Orientation which were offered only to juniors and seniors. A maximum of six graduation credits could be earned.

"The program gives the students hands-on experience. It is good for them, and their parents, because something may look exciting, but end up not to be," said Mrs. Doris Hildreth, instructor and school nurse.

Participating students must be responsible and honest. Because cleanliness was a main priority, a dress code of uniforms and no jeans was followed.

"To prepare students for the future, they are taught life skills," said Mrs. Cheryl Bagnall, Home Economics chairperson.

Students chose from 11, one-semester classes. While some of the classes focused on foods or clothing, others covered topics such as relationships, dating, family, and friends.

Included courses were: Singles Living, Foreign Foods, Needlecraft, Foods and Nutrition, Child Development, Interpersonal Relations, Consumer Education, Interior Design, Beginning Clothing, and Advanced Clothing.

Special Projects, which included working with nursery school students, were part of

the various classes.

Approximately 60 students were placed in afternoon jobs by the Pre-Vocational Education Department, a program which was in its thirteenth year at VHS.

Depending on the job market, students occupied jobs ranging from working with the elderly to working with computers.

Each course, which included class time and a job, was one year long and was worth two credits per semester.

"The students need to work well in groups. They also need to have good attitudes and attendance. They develop self-esteem and learn to use their time wisely," said Mr. Jerry Hager, PVE coordinator.

No matter how far away the future may have seemed, students prepared early by taking career preparation courses.

by Melissa Crownover



AFTER STUDYING FOODS from six countries, juniors Karen Bretlich and Jenny Wright prepare Rouladen, a German dish, in Foreign Foods.

STUDENTS IN MR. Dan Spears' social studies class discuss issues that will enable them to deal with everyday problems.





PRETZELS PROVE TO be a troublesome process, but the toll paid off for seniors David Doelling and Susan Evanoff in Foods class.



IN HEALTH OCCUPATIONS class, students studied health-related careers in an environment which allowed them to practice their lessons.

JUNIOR APRIL NEWKIRK styles a blouse, the third of four projects for her Sewing I class.

CAROUSELS — Front Row: Tammi Vanderwijst, Nicki Steindler. Second Row: Suzi Farnum, Kathy Crawford, Elynn Tolan. Third Row: Kris Miller, Kathy Hamilton, Katy Park, Michelle Westphal. Fourth Row: Stephanie Mannel, Stephanie Bauer, Missy Moore. Back Row: Amie Charlson, Tara Kiernan, Melanie Groark.

Singing with style

Choirs perform at dinners, concerts, contests

Like the predictability of the superbowl being played at the end of every NFL season, some things never change. Valparaiso High School's Choral Department has been put in a similar spot, remaining the same even with the increase in the student body.

Since the freshmen have always been bussed to the high school to participate in choir, their addition to the student body affected the Choral Department very little, said Mr. Bernard Butt, director.

According to Butt, the seven period day, which was initiated last year, has had the most positive impact on the enrollment in choir classes because most students needed another hour to fit choir into their schedules. Four

individual choirs make up the choral department.

A-Choir, which was composed of 60 veteran singers, was the premier performing organization. Basic singing skills and ensemble singing were the emphasis in B-Choir, a 30-member group open to all students.

Girls' Glee Club provided the beginning training for girls interested in vocal music performance.

An extracurricular activity, "Carolers" was a mixed singing and dancing troupe which performed at banquets and dinners. Choreographer Dawn Peterson worked with the group.

Three concerts highlighted the school year. While the spring and fall concerts were exclusively choral, the Christmas Concert included music stu-

dents from all Valpo schools.

Contests this year ranged from individuals performing to the entire Choir's performance at the Indiana State School Music Association on April 11.

"Contest seems to make everyone work harder," said Butt. And the choirs' hard work paid off. At contest, which was held at Portage High School, the choirs received superior ratings in both individual and group categories.

The Cabaret Dinner, an annual choir fund-raiser, which was held in the VHS cafeteria, was presented March 24 by the Carolers. The dinner was open to all relatives of the Carolers and their immediate friends.

by Susan Roberts



A CHOIR — Front Row: Jenny Hagstrom, Nilla Jarvinen, Daphne Urgino, Kathy Crawford, Laurie Eberhardt, Erin Bland, Karen Frobish, Liz Hofferth, Teri Miller, Liz Cuson, Michelle Krayniak, Susan Roberts, Shannon Bettis. Second Row: Kelly Stowers, Julie White, Mindy Heindold, Candy DeSarro, Kathy Wright, Laura Cole, Colleen Mitchell, Lori Homan, Kris Peugeot, Kris DeMick, Michelle Krall. Third Row: Chris

Parker, Jamey Griffin, Todd Miller, Shawn Will, Jason Hardin, Ken Fetla, Ed Dixon, Chuck Dean, Chris Czup, Ed Hurni, Jeff Ronco, Robert Mansavage. Back Row: Tony Studenroth, Chad Clifford, Mike Krayniak, Bob Ducat, Chris Hamrick, Shannon Howe, Mark Hanner, Andy Bray, Jeff Carmichael, Kevin Maxey, Steve Aardema, Mike Daniels.





B CHOIR - Front Row: Kathy Hamilton, Susan Kirk, Vicki Farnum, Chris Frank, Sheila Urbanczyk, April Marshall, Lisa Phillips, Becky Carpenter, Julie Kissinger. Second Row: Michele Westphal, Donya Perkins, Stephanie Mannel, Julie Elkins, Kara Nelson, Kristen McClanahan, Stephanie Bauer, Belinda Jones. Back Row: Kathy Engle, Tammi Vanderwijst, Kristen Miller, Suzi Farnum, Shannon Alexander, Kellie Vinton, Kinsey Lennex, Tammy Parker, Dion Kuehl.

CAROLERS — Front Row: Ed Hurnl, Mindy Heindold, Daphne Urgino, Teri Miller, Liz Cusson. Second Row: Kevin Maxey, Lori Homan, Andy Bray, Bob Ducat, Chad Clifford, Todd Miller, Colleen Mitchell. Back Row: Bob Mansavage, Candy DeSarro, Mark Hanner, Kris Pequet, Jeff Carmichael.



GIRLS GLEE - Front Row: Dawn Landry, Nicki Steindler, Nicki Pequet, Amie Charlson, Jennifer Lloyd, Jennifer Lee, Chihomi Kikushima, Sheila Wilson, Cindy Matthews. Second Row: Amy Welland, Missy Moore, Melanie Groark, Teresa Rucker, Carole Cornman, Jill

Naillieux, Tiffany Derr, Ellyn Tolan, Beckie DePolster, Kerry Lewandowski. Back Row: Lorelei Demass, Holly Oeding, Lisa Cora, Kathy Parks, Julie Finley, Dee Dee Voller, Ami Woods, Sandi Eisenmenger.

AT ITS FIRST public performance of the year, the A Choir sings under the direction of Mr. Bernard Butt at the Fall Concert.



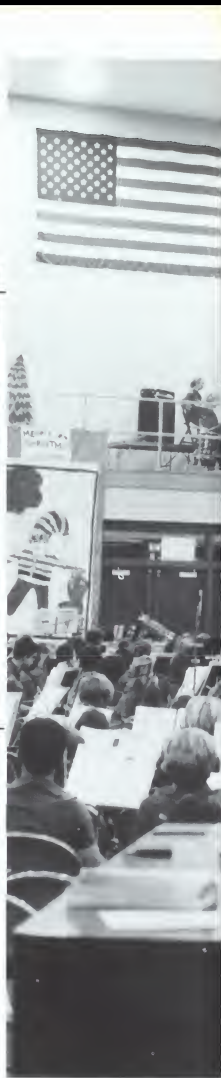
A-BAND — Front Row - Stephanie Henriques, Ann Boguslawski, Heidi Klett, Amy Barker, Debbie Gill, Lynnea Cole, Becky Tobey, Karin Herrick, Elizabeth Versteeg, Sarah Mutka, Karen Brennan, Jennifer Curtis, Sara Johnson. Second Row: Jennifer Barker, Mark Amberlang, Mindy Elchhorn, Tammy Mahoney, Heather Mallett, Steve Pilz, Tammy Whalls, Michelle Klinefelter, Christi Hamilton, Lora Maiers, Paula Reaney, Val Yuriga, Maria Ruble, Jennifer Cole, Andy Osburn, Steve Rusnak, Mike Crowder. Third Row: Tom Silhavy, Laren Huck, Craig

Anderson, Lance Lemon, Gary Nova, Jeff Dygert, Susan Herse-ann, Lori Leverich, Katrina Kickbush, Mike Sorenson, Sarah Evans, Kristin Hartwig, Stan Olling, Chris Cole, Jay Telschow, Tom Trost. Back Row: Mark Sirovica, Mike Kaster, Mike Grote, Mark Jones, David Kelly, Meghan Martin, David Miller, Ted Trost, Greg Knight, Andy Johnson, Rebecca VanDenburgh, Mr. Dan Pritchett, and Mr. Robert Miller. Not pictured: Loretta Kenney, Alyson Miller, Rani Sier, Carolyn Miller, Jeff Sensenbaugh, Kris Gross.



B-BAND — Front Row: Dawn Shapalsik, Karen Reynolds, Colleen Flory, Kristine Hall, Amy Reavis, Jeanne Neuchterlein, Mindy Gerber, Missy Patrick, Pam Betz, Jody Ilgenfritz, Jenny Domer, Beth Amberlang, Lisa McLean, Jennifer Olmsted, Gwen Kenney. Second Row: Frank Spanopoulos, Angie Robinson, Tami Janda, Kim Miller, Paula Gifford, Chris Davis, Masaki Ishihara, Dick Wardrop, Amber Cleis, Chris Spejelski, Carole Worden. Third Row: Lori Huber, Van Ev-

anoff, Shawn Brennan, Josh Grube, David Castleman, Jeff Stanczak, Mike Crowley, Chris Bradley, Michael Jensen, David Mapes, Marie Macapagal, Angela Gorton, Christy Johnson, Karl Kraatz, and Mr. Dan Pritchett. Back Row: Dan Lauer, Christy Hager, Roger Weideman, Sue Dol-hover, Cindy Lieb, Rob Wilbern, Donna Deu, Tony Rickman, Dan Klinefelter, Jim Calzacorto, and Jeff Brown. Not pictured: Rod Cortell.





Heavy metal

Students tote instruments

If you ever wondered why some students dragged those big, black cases to and from school everyday, it was because they were dedicated musicians.

Being a member of the band or orchestra at Valparaiso High School was serious business. Band members were students of music.

"Students learned to play top quality music literature; the best of classical and contemporary composers. While learning this, they learned to improve their skills on their instruments," said Mr. Robert Miller,

music department chairman.

Contrary to popular belief, band and orchestra were not an "easy A" or "blow-off" classes. A student's grade in band carried the same weight on his GPA as did any other solid course.

"They were graded on periodical auditions of assigned music, class attitude, and attendance," said Miller.

To prepare for contests, the bands had to practice the same music pieces from one to two and half months.

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"THIS IS OUR story" the Christmas concert was presented December 9 in the VHS gymnasium. The concert consisted of music students from all Valparaiso Community schools.

THE MEMBERS OF B-Band play their instruments in class. Band and orchestra classes met daily for one class period.

UNDER THE DIRECTION of Mr. Robert Miller the 20 member orchestra plays "March to the Scaffold" by Hector Berlioz in class.

Band and orchestra play on

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In junior high music students were required to submit a practice chart once a week. However, in high school, students were not graded on how much they practiced, but rather on how well they played in class and auditions.

"Some students learn their music easily, but others have to work very hard at it," said Miller.

Because there were 170 students in band, they were divided into three different classes according to their abilities.

"It was like having three different bands," said Miller.

Band students, also, participated in other after-school. They entertained the crowds with half-time shows at football games and various contests.

The Pep band provided music during basketball games, too.

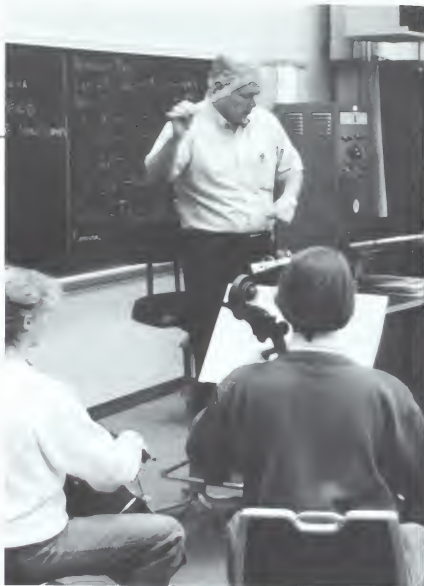
The VHS orchestra played in concerts music festivals, and concerts.

Over spring break, 60 junior and senior band members travelled to California to perform. Because the Band Parent Association raised money by running the football concessions and hosting the annual ham dinner, students only had to pay part of the cost of the trip.

"We marched at Disney Land, Knott'sberry Farm, the Queen Mary, and Universal Studios," said Miller.

Through opportunities like these, the hard work of these musicians paid off.

by Heather Fierst



VIOLINISTS KRIS KALINA and Chris Juras practice on their instruments to improve their skills of controlling their violins.





C-BAND — Front Row: Stacey Janasiak, Dan Morrison, Kristin Campbell, Michele Riffel, Heather Engel, Erica Levi, Missy Voigt, Amy Bonifas, Shannon Haugh, Jennifer Mutka, Barbara Downey, Kathy Kelly, Second Row: Christy Anderson, Ashley Cochran, Christine Bell, Leah Smith, Jennifer Worstell, Dominic Notaro, Jarrett Millar, Jeff Hess, Erica Hartwig, Jack Bryant, Kim Dennington, Shannon Deal, Kandel Coolman, Julie Pfleeger, Andrea Hackett Third

Row: Amy Smith, Clay Arnett, Mike Fleming, Styan Montreuil, Tiffin Crowder, Rob Hanes, Cindy Langwell, Carole Cornman, Kami Kraatz, Kelly Roberts, Chris Funk, Leslee Fritz, Clay Patton, Doug Daye, Greg Dudjenski, Jim Ehrenberg, Back Row: Jeff Bruder, Tony Wasemann, Phil Belegal, Jeff Kallath, Craig Hartman, Aaron Taylor, Mr. Dan Pritchett, Mr. Robert Miller. Not pictured: Kathy Johnson, Jeff Zrodowski, Eric Mae.



PRACTICING OUT OF uniform, the entire band plays directed by Mr. Dan Pritchett. All three bands played as one during summer vacation.



ORCHESTRA — Front Row: Jennifer Henderson, Wendy Berner. Second Row: Toni Douthitt, Amy Baker, Shelley Hain, Hannah Stith, Juli Mullet, Kristy Kallback, Mr. Robert Miller. Third Row: Mike Landry, Lara Woods, Chris Kalina, Lara Worline, Chris Juras, Kristen McClanahan. Back Row: Bob Richards, Daniel List, Matt King, Jeff Dennington. Not pictured: Tim Kehret, Scott Maesch.

IN KEYBOARDING 1, sophomore Keith Kamanaroff types an in-class assignment. Typing students only had take-home assignments when they were absent.

TO DETERMINE IF her proof is correct, sophomore Tiffany Derr puts her work on the board. Mrs. Mara Fiegle-Hicks taught the Geometry I-2 class.

Money makes sense

Courses make dollars and cents add up

Personal budgeting, buying insurance, balancing checkbooks, renting an apartment, using credit, managing checking and savings accounts...

These things all have something in common - money.

"Money = business = math," according to business teacher Lance Leach.

Although some students may not recognize the connection between business and math, it exists.

"Business runs on money," said Leach.

Business classes teach students how to manage their money — from balancing a checkbook in Introduction to

Business to running their own business in Business Ownership class.

"Almost all business uses math to some degree; counting out change is math," said Leach.

Even though VHS students are required to complete two years of math classes, most students take additional classes to help them for their futures.

"I took math to prepare myself for college," said junior Jennifer Henderson.

"Most students see the need for math in future careers," said Mr. Glen Ellis, Math department chairperson.

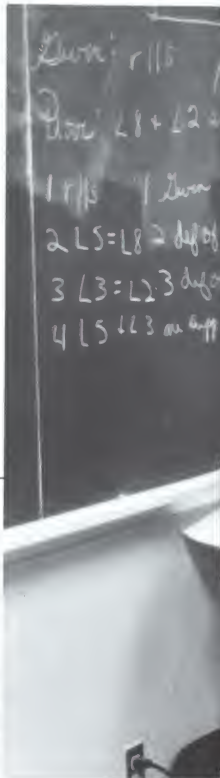
Math and business are also linked by another common ele-

ment — computers. Computer programming, a math class, and Computer Data Processing, a business class, were added to combat the increasing interest.

"Computers are the future and if you use them, you won't be so expendable at your job," said senior Chris Seroczynski, enrolled in Computer Programming.

"No citizen can escape math. They are constantly being bombarded with it throughout their lives," said Ellis.

Business and math add up to the thing that rules the world — money. Leach agrees, "Money is what our country runs on. It is our way of life."



AS PART OF the mock office situation, senior Kevin Miller answers the phone for his boss in the Office Training Lab.





SENIOR MARK SCIME takes a pre-calculus test on trigonometry. Students depended on their calculators for sine and cosine values.



COMPUTER CLASS GAVE students the opportunity to write their own programs. Junior Bill Fitzpatrick programs his Apple IIC.

HELPING EACH OTHER put an FM radio together are seniors George Veenstra and Jeff Ronco in Metal Technology.

TESTING THE FM stage of a radio in Industrial Electronics is senior Jerry Ramirez. Ramirez also took Transportation Systems, a class that studied driving techniques of a variety of vehicles.



KOUTS SENIOR JIM Ferral uses the skills he learned in Beginning Machine Trades at VHS to line-up a job in Chesterton after graduation.



IN CAD I CLASS, sophomore Brian Kottka receives help from Mr. Frank Horvath. Students at VHS were offered basic and advanced forms of drafting.



INTEGRATED CIRCUITS IS THE SUBJECT OF THE LAB PERFORMED BY SENIOR MIKE HARTIG AND JUNIOR BRET FISCHER IN VOCATIONAL ELECTRONICS. HARTIG WAS ALSO ENROLLED IN INTRODUCTORY ELECTRONICS.

Taking over

State of the art technology

What image do most people get in their mind when they hear the phrase "industrial arts"? Is it a picture of children making simple napkin holders and jigsaw puzzles, or is it a vision of hard-hats, huge metal constructions and loud machines? For high school students interested in a large variety of engineering and physics-oriented courses, it may mean experience and job training.

New opportunities to gain "state of the art" technology know-how are available to VHS students each year. During the 1986-87 school-year, VHS acquired \$65,000 worth of hard and soft ware computer equipment. New woodworking and construction classes were offered, and the addition of the freshman class to the high school also required some department changes.

Frank Horvath, chairman of the Industrial Technology Department taught Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) I and II, and Vocational Architecture I and II. In his CAD classes, each student works with \$5,000 worth of hard ware and soft ware. "CAD is considered state of the art technology," said Horvath. "The students don't actually have to do any paper and pencil drawing anymore. It's all done on the computer," he said.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Gray's Construction Planning and Design class, observed actual planning and construction of a building for eight weeks. Projects for other classes included assembling models, creating FM radios, drawing proportional landscapes and figures, and working with various metals.

"We're hoping that there will be much more enrollment in those classes in the future," said Horvath. Students from nearby county schools including Boone Grove, Chesterton, and Portage, came to VHS and other schools for two-hour vocational courses. VHS students could also commute to other schools to take courses not offered here.

Horvath explained, "We don't have a central vocational center like some places." He believes the kind of learning opportunities students have in industrial arts classes is more enjoyable than the strict use of text books. "Through industrial arts courses, students get a real feel for the tools and rules of a profession. The computer is like a calculator in today's society, in that it is acceptable for the professional world to use," claimed Horvath. "It gives them very good exposure."

by Amy Sanford

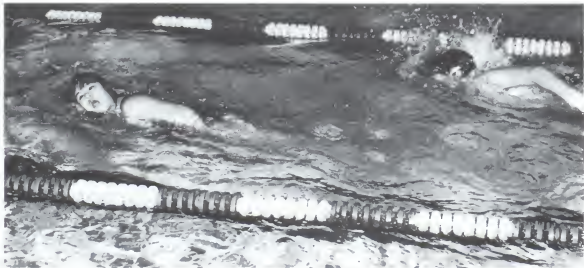
Uses and abuses

Students learn to maintain physical fitness



CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR), is practiced by freshman Jay Shape in Health and Safety. Fireman Phil Griffith instructed the administering of CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, and fire safety.

P.E. STUDENTS SWIM free style during a timed trial. Swimming is a graduation requirement and is offered in four different fitness levels.



Man places very high regard on the traits of health, and physical ability. In ancient times they were not only desired, but necessary characteristics for survival. While today we can live comfortably without these traits, the presence of three VHS classes proved that good physical condition and knowledge about staying healthy are still important in our lives.

One such class, physical education, was a class which, while developing physical skills, helped instill in students "habits that will improve the quality of life," said Miss Nancy Walsh, P.E. Department Chairperson.

According to Walsh, the purpose and main goal of P.E. was "The strengthening of the cardiorespiratory and musculo-skeletal systems of the body and acquiring good habits of weight management through physical

activity."

A wide variety of activities were offered to fit each individual's interests. In total, 30 courses were offered including individual and team sports, ranging from archery to softball, and from aquatic sports such as the required nine weeks of swimming to leisure-time sports, such as tennis and golf. The P.E. program placed special emphasis on "lifetime sports" including basketball, bowling and volleyball, according to the VHS curriculum guide.

Another class involved with health-related topics, Substance Abuse Education, dealt with the "current, relevant issues of chemical use and abuse," said Mr. Mark Hoffman, health teacher.

Substance Abuse class, which discussed all types of chemical use from legal to illegal, was designed to "keep stu-

dents informed and knowledgeable of drug use, and to help family and friends to make correct choices," said Hoffman.

Health and Safety, which also touched on drug use, was a required course dealing with hygiene, anatomy, nutrition, and physiology as they pertained to each individual's health.

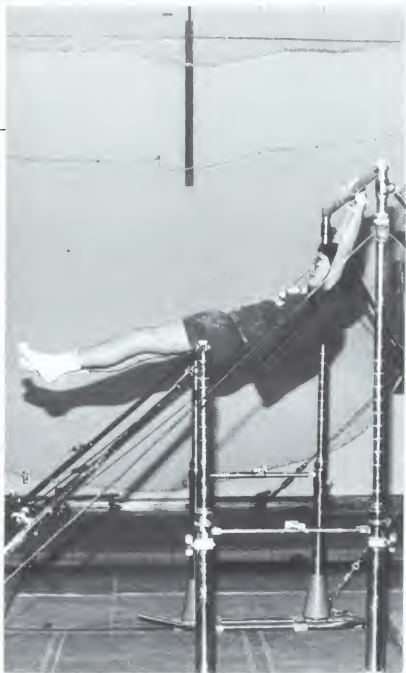
Students in Health and Safety were also educated on various aspects of first-aid, from bandaging to giving CPR.

In addition, students were given a chance to receive their boating and snowmobiling licenses, along with learning about fire safety.

Students in P.E., Substance Abuse, and Health and Safety learned that while man no longer lives by "the survival of the fittest" rule, health and physical well-being are still of major importance.

by Matt Jankowski

CASTING HIMSELF TO the lower bar is junior John Newlin. The gymnastics unit in P.E. included training on balance beams and vaults.



SENIOR BRYAN FULLER enhances his upper-body strength. Such exercises in Sports Conditioning helped improve his athletic abilities.



MR. DALE CICIORA'S Health and Safety class takes a test over drug and alcohol abuse. Students also

learned about fire and outdoor safety.

For college, career or fun

Foreign language communication provides more opportunities

Choosing the best long distance telephone company means deciding which form of communication can give the caller the best connection in the future. VHS students can affect their futures in communication by taking a foreign language course.

The "basic four" languages, French, German, Latin and Spanish, each offer a four-year program.

Miss Jean Miller, Latin instructor at VHS for four years, suggests that students continue in a language for as long as the program allows. She claimed, "The study of a foreign language reveals that our way of life is not the only way. I think students are provincial in their attitudes about other cultures, and the way other cultures do

things."

French and Spanish instructor Biff Geiss feels that "Everybody should be exposed to a foreign language." He mentioned that many fields of government, business and trade now prefer to hire job applicants who speak more than one language.

One of the biggest bonuses of taking a language course is the annual foreign language Christmas celebration, in which French, Latin, German and Spanish classes combine. Piñatas are broken, spewing candy about the room, and students also have a chance to sample foreign foods. Each class gives a cultural presentation and sings a Christmas carol in a foreign language.

"You get to pig out on food, and no one has to do school work the day before vacation!" exclaimed senior Shelley McMurtrey.

In addition to the party, trips to foreign restaurants, art museums and foreign plays are organized to offer extra involvement in the study of a particular language and culture.

After completing four years of French and Spanish, and one year of German, junior Janice Kugler intends to continue studying languages after attending the school of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston next year.

Another way of improving communication skills is to visit another country. Each year, students from one of the "big four" classes have the opportunity to travel abroad through a VHS program. Students spend a week in a country where the language they study is spoken.

Senior Trish Smith traveled to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria with this program. She has

taken four years of French and two years of German, and hopes to become an interpreter. "I have acquired a great interest in foreign countries, cultures and languages," she said.

Sixty-two students and four Spanish teachers took a trip to Mexico on June 8, 1987. Department chairman and six-year Spanish instructor Marcia Arnold organized the trip.

"It's a good opportunity to use the Hispanic language and experience the culture," she said.

"The more you immerse yourself with people that speak the language, the better off you'll be," agreed French teacher Carolyn Hardebeck.

by Amy Sanford



A NORWEGIAN EXCHANGE student joins senior Tim McDonald in Mr. Biff Geiss's French 7-8 class.

JUNIOR JULIANNE LITZKOW studies in her German 1-2 class.





GERMAN STUDENTS, Dee Dee Voller, Bunny Markley, Amy Weiland and Starr Witherspoon pronounce vocabulary words as Frau Debbie Fray leads.

WEARING A ROMAN toga and pileus, Latin 5-6 student Jon Young, along with Aaron Long and Catherine Periolat, try to convince barbarians that Roman slavery is better.



AFTER SENIOR KAREN Mutka accidentally deleted a block of copy from the Valenian computer system, senior Shelley McMurtry helps her figure out what went wrong.



IN HER FIFTH hour class, Mrs. Diane Moryl helps senior Kelly Patrick revise her paper. Students of Critical Writing read short stories and wrote analytical papers.

MRS. KATHERINE CLARK leads the class discussion and interpretation of Act 1 of "Hamlet." Shakespeare students also studied "Richard II" and "Macbeth."



Freshmen force changes

English Department expanded due to larger student body

They're here ... the freshmen.

No one was sure how the English department would fare upon the arrival of the freshmen.

With 17 new sections of English and six new teachers added to accommodate the 422 freshmen, the English department nearly doubled in size. Teachers shared rooms and switched classes almost every hour.

"Moving around was difficult because of the preparations and the number of books we had to carry, but it was necessary, so we rallied to the cause," said En-

glish department chairperson Lenore Hoffman.

Each change forced more changes. The sophomore class was the only class not offered an honors program in past years. To compensate for this, two new classes were offered — Images of Humanity and History of Drama.

The English department was designed to accommodate students with different learning abilities. Students based their class choices on track levels, with track one being honors and track three being slower classes.

"Phrasing takes care of prob-

lems students may have with the difficulty of a class," said Hoffman.

Beginning with the Class of 1989, however, eight English credits will be required for graduation.

"All the English classes at VHS are valid, but to prevent students from taking too many 'entertainment' classes, the requirements were added," said Hoffman.

Students were now required to take one semester each of ninth grade grammar and literature, American literature, speech and an advanced composition class.

The remaining year and a half was left for students elective choices.

"Taking English is important because we have to learn how to communicate our thoughts to one another, and because we can take what we like, we really learn it," said senior Colleen Mitchell.

"Overall the whole program was strengthened. Teachers were able to communicate, so there was less overlapping of material and more of a variety for students as well as teachers," said Hoffman.

by Heather Fierst



SOPHOMORE BUSTER HALCOMB receives help from his Classics teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall. His paper is on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

IN MS. BARBARA Miller's speech class, sophomore Gwen Kenney pantomimes excitement. Students also gave persuasive and demonstrative speeches in the class.

Fitting In

It's easy to get lost in a big school. Sometimes we realized that while trying to find an empty seat in the tightly packed lunch room. And sometimes we discovered that when we walked into a classroom full of unfamiliar faces and wondered, "Who are these people?"

To combat the problem, some of us found an outlet in organizations. With 22 groups to pick from, approximately 50 percent of the student body found out that organizations were the link between a student's school life and his social life. Through organizations, we had a chance to be something other than students.

Sometimes we were entertainers. While the Vikettes danced their way through 16 half-time performances, Drama Club members starred in four major productions for school and community audiences.

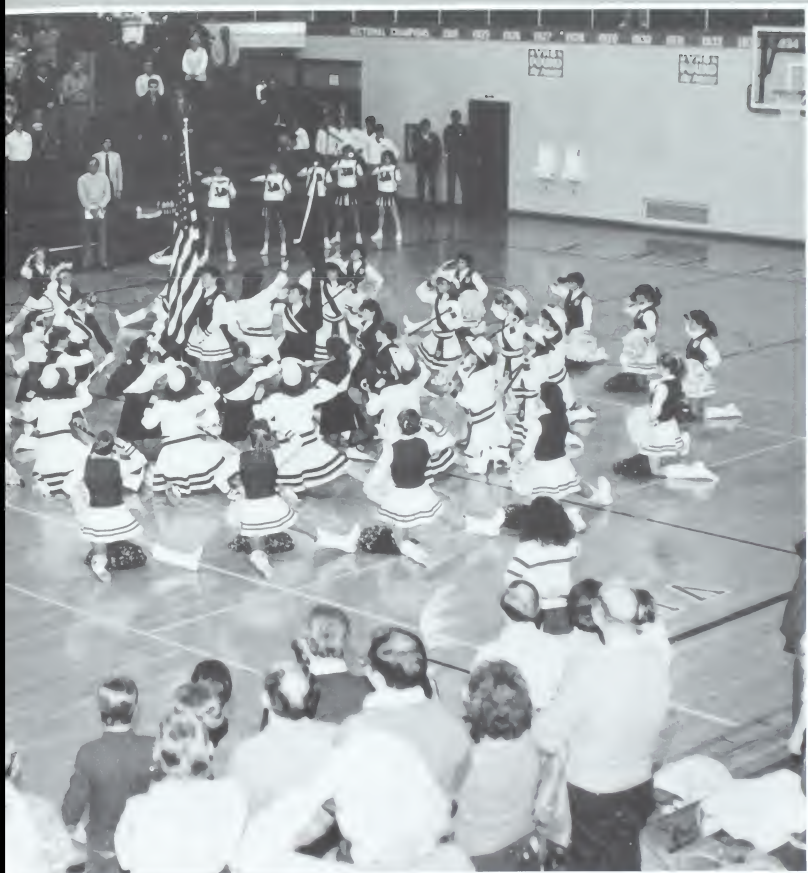
Sometimes we were informants. The Viking Press staff of 18 brought the news of the day to our attention in each of its eight issues. Meanwhile, the 14-member Valenian staff condensed the story of 1987 into 216 pages.

Sometimes we were good Samaritans. The ten YARC members faithfully trouped to the YMCA once a week to help teach mentally handicapped students how to swim. And with funds raised from their February King of Hearts Dance, V-Teens donated \$500 to the American Porter County Heart Association.

Whatever role we played, we played it with whole hearted dedication. We knew that at VHS organizations were a big part of FITTING IN.

by Karen Mutka





OPENING THE BOYS' varsity basketball game against Merrillville, the Vikettes are at attention during the national anthem. Step for step, the Vikettes knew the importance of FITTING IN.



AT THE CHRISTMAS dance, sophomores Ginger Dusek, Brad Hurst, Dave Holt and Allison Netzhammer take a break from dancing to be photographed with "elf" Skip Bird and "Santa" Sid Reggie. Student Council sponsored the dance. Pictures in the sleigh were free.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS — Front row: Mary Iatridis, treasurer; Julia Betjemann, secretary. Back row: Mike Barone, vice president; Mary Bielich, president.



EXCITEMENT WAS in the air as student council president Mary Bielich announced the winner of Bon Jovi concert tickets at the student council sock hop. Junior Kevin Birky won the tickets.



Student officers set the standards Of fine government

Not unlike the United States Government, any school needs a good basis to make rules and regulations. Valparaiso High School had the Student Faculty Senate and the Student Council contributing to its structure.

As a good country needs leadership to run properly, the Student Council kept the high school running smoothly. The Student Council was a group of students elected to their offices as are government officials. In meetings the students expressed their feelings about school policies and suggested and made changes that affected the entire student body.

According to Mr. Todd Bennethum, sponsor, students got a chance to work with other people, got a feeling of accomplishment and dealt with adversity.

"Basically the kids were on their own. I just helped them get connections and talked to faculty members for

them," said Bennethum.

Council activities included a Christmas party at the Porter County Home, a lock-in, the Christmas dance, and a senior scrapbook.

On the other hand, in Student Faculty Senate, the faculty had a more involved role than the students. Although there was a ratio of 15 students to nine faculty members, the administration had the deciding hand over the students.

One of the organization's main functions was awarding the weekly "Spot B Award". Spot B, which stands for "Simple pat on the back" was given to students and teachers whose achievements demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

by Paige McNulty



STUDENT/FACULTY SENATORS — Front Row: Susan Roberts, Mary Bielich, Karen Mutka, Julia Betjemann. Second Row: Joe Martz, Mrs. Diane Gordon, Mrs. Carolyn Hardebeck, Mrs. Rhonda Yelton, Melissa Hutton, Jill Bodensteiner, Mrs.

Joan Mahoney, Carolyn Miller. Third Row: Mr. Dale Gott, Mr. Jim McMichael, Mr. Dale Ciciora, Mr. Wes Maiers, Pete Yelkovic, Bryan Truitt, Mr. John Pinkerton, Mr. Terry Brendel and Mrs. Elke Bowman.

Recognition rewards dedication In honor societies

Like an Olympic runner who trains for years to win the always-dreamed of gold medal, some VHS students excel in different areas of the educational system. In recognition of their years of dedication, they are selected to membership in prestigious honorary societies.

National Honor Society (NHS), sponsored by Mrs. Jean Heckman and Mrs. Judith Lebryk, recognizes all students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Offices this year were held by Martha Maiers, president; Mike Barone, vice-president; Dusty Hamacher, secretary; and Tammy Mahoney, treasurer.

One-hundred ten students qualified for membership, all of which were juniors and seniors having a 3.5 grade point average or above.

Members were initiated in January at an evening ceremony held in the VHS auditorium. After a series of speeches concerning the four criteria for NHS membership, each inductee received a membership card and pin. In addition, members were requested to repeat the NHS oath.

Unlike NHS, which is based on the academic achievements of students, Quill and Scroll and Thespians pertain to writing and acting talents directly related to other classes and clubs.

Quill and Scroll, a national honorary organization for

journalists, is sponsored by Mrs. Gloria Zimmerman. According to Zimmerman, the 15 Quill and Scroll members were ranked in the upper one-third of their class and worked on the Viking Press or Valenian for at least one year. All members were selected at the end of the school year and were initiated on May 13 at the annual journalism awards banquet held in the VHS cafeteria.

Thespians, an International Thespian Society Program, is an honorary society for active theater students. The troupe's sponsor, Mrs. Alice Gambel said, "All members must have been active Drama Club members and must have obtained 10 points." Each point represents 15-20 hours of work for the drama department. Grades were rarely considered, since all members usually had good class ranks, according to Gambel.

New members in Thespians were announced in the spring before April Antics and also in May at a dinner for Drama Club members. According to Gambel, Thespians is a "recognition organization."

Even though the students in these societies did not receive gold medals like an Olympic athlete, they did receive recognition and honor for their school-related achievements through their membership in these prestigious honorary societies.

by Susan Roberts



THESPIANS — Front Row: Jeni Bonjean, Julie Elkins, Joe Martz. Second Row: Pete Yelkovic, Karla Droege, Patty Bird, Scott Newsom. Back Row: Wendy Berner, Jeff Carmichael.

AS PART OF her duties as a Valenian sports editor, senior Chris Seroczynski crops a picture for her girls' basketball spread. For her work on the Valenian and Viking Press, she was selected as a member of Quill and Scroll.



WITH AN ARMLOAD left to deliver, junior Missy Massa hands

fifth hour class. NHS raised \$400 through its annual flower sale.



NHS OFFICERS — Front Row: Tammy Mahoney, treasurer; Jill Koetke, flower-sale chairperson; Martha Malers, president. Back Row: Dusty Hamacher, secretary; Mike Barone, vice-president.



QUILL AND SCROLL MEMBERS — Front Row: Heather Fierst, Melissa Bublik, Shelley McMurtrey, Julie Fletcher, Chris Seroczynski, Jennifer Mitol, Pete Speckhard. Back Row: Mrs. Gloria Zimmerman, sponsor; Amy Sanford, Jill Bodensteiner, Karen Mutka, Stacey Stonebraker, Lori Sier, Donna Hardick, Mike Szymanski, Pete Yelkovac, Jeff Carmichael, Mary Bielich, P. J. Reaney. Not pictured: Kathy Crawford.

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oteworthy music "jazzes up" Music department

For a composition of music to be effective, it must successfully blend various instrumental sequences into pleasing melodies and harmonies. In the same way that rhythm, tempo, and complementing tones add to a piece of music, the jazz program adds to the VHS musical department.

Composed of Jazz Ensemble and Studio Band, the VHS jazz program provided students with the opportunity to "play a different style of music that you don't get in concert band," according to director Mr. Dan Pritchett. Balads, jazz, swing, pop, and Latin arrangements were among the "more marketable types of music" offered in the jazz program, said Pritchett.

Consisting mostly of upperclassmen, the 25 members of Jazz Ensemble met twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to rehearse for concerts, contests, and jazz festivals. As Jazz Ensemble is the more advanced of the two groups, membership was acquired through audition only.

Studio Band, with most of its 30 members being underclassmen, offered musicians a chance to participate in the jazz program with only half the time commitment involved with Jazz Ensemble. Any student belonging to the VHS

concert band in grades 9-12 was eligible to participate in Studio Band.

"The Valpo jazz band has been highly regarded for the past seven years, and is now considered to be one of the 10 best bands in Indiana," said Pritchett. In keeping with their reputation, both bands gave superior performances at the Indiana State School Music Association contest, the Perry Meridian High School Jazz Festival, the all-city Christmas concert, and the Parents Dance on February 7.

Pritchett added that due to scheduling problems, he preferred that jazz band remained an after school activity, though most bands they competed with were in the school curriculum. Pritchett also noted that it was much more difficult and meaningful for the VHS jazz bands to achieve success than it was for bands which practiced during class each day.

Though concert band is the "backbone of the band program," according to Pritchett, Jazz Ensemble and Studio Band filled the students' needs for another outlet of musical performance and to simply have a lot of fun.

by Matt Jankowski



JAZZ ENSEMBLE — First Row: Tom Silhavy, Wendy Berner, Carolyn Miller, Rani Sier, Mindy Eichhorn, Stan Olling, Greg Dudzienski, Michael Sorenson. Second Row: Craig Anderson, Tom Trost, Ted Trost, Aaron Taylor, Dan Lauer, Roger Weideman. Back Row: Melissa Hutton, Suzanne Folke, Josh Grube, David Kelly, Mr. Daniel Pritchett, director, David Miller, David Castleman, Mike Grote, Mike Crowley.



STUDIO BAND — First Row: Kami Kraatz, Kari Kraatz, Marie Macapagal, Christy Johnson, Angela Girtton, Stephanie Henriques, Heidi Klett. Second Row: Chris Funk, Greg Dudzienski, Ken Alexander, Michael Jensen, Jeff Hess, Jeff Zrodowski, Chris Bradley, Clay Arnett. Back Row: Mr. Daniel Pritchett, director, Katrina Kickbush, Clay Patton, Jeff Brown, Jeff Kolith, Dan Klinefelter, Rebecca VanDenburgh, Dan Lauer, Aaron Taylor, Andy Osburn.



SAXOPHONIST MIKE SORENSON concentrates on a piece of music while preparing for the Jazz Parents Dance. The junior musician played as a member of Jazz Ensemble.



TROMBONISTS FROM ALL four grades at VHS came together to play for the Jazz Ensemble. Junior Tom Trost, freshman Aaron Taylor and sophomore Dan Lauer rehearse for a December concert.



SCHROEDER'S RENDITION OF Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" bores Lucy Van Pelt in the winter musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. Schroeder, played by sophomore Tom Coe and Lucy, played by junior Jeni Bonjean, were part of a 14-member cast that performed the show February 20 and 22.

CAST MEMBERS FROM the fall play "Cheaper By the Dozen" pause during an evening rehearsal to listen to staging direction given by Mrs. Alice Gambel, director.



So you want to join Drama Club?

In 1986, 140 people thought they wanted to join Drama Club too. Only 110 survived the challenge.

Newcomers began a year in Drama Club on initiation day, dressed in green choir robes decorated with gold stars. As if the embarrassment of this wasn't enough, potential new members had to sing a dramatic version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" at the request of any officer.

These requests often came at awkward times. Many members claim to have sung solos in the middle of a crowded hallway, in the lunch line and even in a classroom full of kids. "It wasn't too bad; it was actually kinda fun," said sophomore Whitney Ward.

After braving initiation day, students were admitted to the club. However, their obligations did not end there. Members were expected to participate in at least one of Drama Club's four big productions: the fall play, "Cheaper by the Dozen," the spring play, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," March Arts, or April Antics. Before rookies could audition for a part in any of these productions, they had to work as stage hands to gain a better understanding of what went on behind the scenes of a play.

Junior Lisa McLean, a Drama Club member who teamed up with a group of friends to perform a skit in April Antics, stated that, "It was a lot of work, but it really was worth it. We had a couple of minor disasters during the Saturday night performance of April Antics, but it was great how we all pulled together to cover them up."

Sponsor Alice Gambel sees many reasons why students are attracted to the club. "As you see, it's not all work. There is some play too. The Drama Club takes trips to Chicago, has workshops, parties and classes where they have professionals come and teach them."

Looking back over the year's activities, president Pete Yelkovic said "Drama Club is definitely a club that keeps up with the times."

by Paige McNulty

It takes all kinds

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ig plans for Success



DRAMA CLUB OFFICERS — Front Row: Pete Yelkovic, president; Wendy Berner, treasurer; Amie Charlson, Mark Hanner. Second Row: Karla Droge, vice president, Mark Condon, secretary; Patty Bird, historian. Back Row: Ron Williams, Jim Jankowski, Derek Nicoletto, Scott Newsom, Joe Martz.

MONEY EARNED FROM unique fund raisers like a T-shirt/sweatshirt design contest and sale and B.E.R.G.A.S.H., the "Biggest ever Record Giveaway And Soc-Hop," enabled Drama Club to provide a variety of experiences for its members.



Understanding a Lifestyle

Magazines like National Geographic give people who like to dream a chance to "see" far-away places and people.

Two organizations at VHS that allowed students to fulfill their dreams were Foreign Exchange Club and the Domestic Exchange program.

Foreign Exchange Club (FEC) had a membership of 375 students and was the largest club at VHS, according to Sponsor Wes Maiers. He explained that the club was popular because it is so active and because it appealed to many types of students.

International understanding is the basic concept behind FEC. For example, during the club's International Weekend, sponsored in November, exchange students staying in other Indiana cities spent a weekend with VHS students. Activities included an evening soc-hop, several parties and a trip to Chicago, as well as a full day in class, which gave the students a chance to see what life is like in another American high school. Several visiting students spoke to foreign language and social studies classes throughout the day.

Some other major activities the club sponsored were the foreign feast, a weekend trip to St. Louis and a trip to Chicago to watch a performance of "Second City."

In addition, FEC sent four students overseas during the summer and also during the regular school year to study.

Students interested in traveling within the United States were able to participate in the Domestic Exchange program. For five days during the school year, a group of students, chaperoned by sponsors Nancy Bender and Vella Anderson, lived in Plainville, Kansas, and attended classes at Plainville High School. Of the 16 students who applied to the program, eight students were selected to make the trip by a panel composed of the two sponsors and former exchange students.

In past years, domestic exchange sites have included schools in New York, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Virginia, Iowa and Arizona.

by Paige McNulty



FEC OFFICERS AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS — Front Row: Nilla Järvinen, Machi Rodriguez, Salvador Rodriguez, treasurer Melissa Hutton. Back Row: Esther Ekelmans, president Martha Maers, secretary Mary Bielich, Masaki Ishihara. Not pictured: vice-president Jeff Adney.



AS PART OF the FEC trip to St. Louis, students toured the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Other highlights included trips to Forest Park Zoo, Union Station, and St. Louis Center.

FINNISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE student Nilla Järvinen explains a part of her culture to sophomores Mindy Gerber, Alison Smith, and to senior Ken Barfell during a March week that featured the five VHS foreign exchange students.



ACADEMIC DECATHALON "PRACTICES" for senior Bryan Truitt, a second-year team member, often meant hours of research in the Learning Center. Truitt also spent many hours in preparation for his competition on the Academic Super Bowl social studies squad.

ACADEMIC DECATHALON TEAM — Front Row: Anne Marshall, Christa Eichberger, Dave Eichberger, Paul Stratton, Justin Gericke, Back Row: Coach Nancy Bender, Tammy Mahoney, Coach Janice Bergeson, Dan Frye, Tim Miller.



State supports

In today's modern American society, athletic competition receives a large amount of support from spectators while providing great incentives for participants in terms of improving their athletic prowess. Understanding this popularity, Indiana high schools have begun to apply these principles to academic competitions, and, consequently, two academic competitions, Academic Decathlon and Academic Super Bowl, have appeared on the Indiana high school scene. Both of these competitions are sponsored at VHS.

The VHS Academic Decathlon team, coached by teachers Mrs. Janice Bergeson and Mrs. Nancy Bender, was designed to allow team members the opportunity to increase their knowledge in a variety of academic areas through competition.

"We've always pushed athletics through competition; through competition, abilities can increase. We thought perhaps this method could be applied to academics, too," Bergeson said.

Bender agreed that this team had an athletic flavor and confessed that academic competitions have only recently gained popularity in Indiana.

"The academic student never was highlighted as part of a team. They've been ignored up to now, but this is the phase of the non-athlete," Bender explained.

The nine-member team, composed of

teams

two "A," "B," and "C" students, competed at a January regional meet against other area high schools in ten academic areas ranging from fine arts to public speaking.

Two-year team member Bryan Truitt, a senior, thought the decathlon would serve as a beneficial experience for him and, thus, decided to compete on the team.

"I thought this was a really neat and original idea — to compete academically — so I jumped at the chance," said Truitt.

Senior team member Justin Gericke also felt the competition would be a unique way to gain knowledge.

"At first, I was skeptical, but then I felt it might be a good experience and one which would give me a new method of learning," he said.

Despite his early skepticism, Gericke felt that the benefits he gained from the competition made his experience worthwhile. "There's so much intellectual 'goodness.' It seems everything was thrown into a pot, and we were expected to learn it, but I really enjoyed it since I was able to touch-up on a number of areas,"

said Gericke.

While Academic Decathlon enabled students to gain knowledge in many areas, Academic Super Bowl gave its participants the chance to specialize in math, English, science, social studies or fine arts.

Mrs. Donna Calzacorto, sponsor, explained that this state-wide competition was designed, like the Decathlon, to bring academics up to a higher level in Indiana. "They say Indiana's scores are low, so the purpose of these competitions is just to bring up state-wide academics to a level of excellence," said Calzacorto.

Calzacorto said the 12 participants were chosen for their knowledge of and interest in their specific academic areas. "We really have the top three students in each respective area," she noted.

Calzacorto summed up the need for academic competitions by explaining that they "put academics on a level like sports and try to provoke the feeling that it is just as neat to be in an academic competition as it is to be on a cross-country or basketball team."

For innumerable years, sports fans have believed that "competition breeds success." Now, academicians are hoping this axiom proves applicable to academics as well.

by Pete Yelkovic



ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL TEAM — Front Row: Coach Donna Calzacorto, Bill Reshkin, Paul Ventura, Pete Yelkovic, Joe Martz, Scott Newson, Heidi Kellogg. Back Row: Amy Baker, Ken Taylor, Bryan Truitt, Carl Frey, Anne Marshall, Christa Eichberger. Not pictured: Mike Sorenson.

YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS OFFICERS — Stephanie Snyder, secretary; Denise Robinson, president; Paige McNulty, vice president; Tami Goodwin, treasurer.



V-TEENS OFFICERS — Front Row: Missi Cleis, publicity chairperson; Tim Tan, president. Back Row: Jewel Carlos, secretary; Bryan Truitt, vice president; Cory Pingatore, treasurer. The service organization sponsored the King of Hearts Dance on February 28. From this event, \$500 was donated to the American Heart Association.



SADD OFFICERS — Cathy Prosser, president; Shelby Anderson, secretary; Jennifer Williams, treasurer; Becky Rushnok, vice president.

AS SHE TALKS with fellow faculty members at the V-Teens Halloween party, art teacher Linda Malott adjusts her son Ryan's shark costume. The party was for faculty members' children.



Looking out for Someone

On television and in movies, the average teenager is characterized as lazy, untrustworthy and uncaring. They are disrespectful to adults and their peers, and are generally self-centered.

In reality, however, teenagers can be energetic, trustworthy and responsible. In fact, three organizations at VHS are made up of teens whose main purpose is helping others.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), V-Teens, and Youth Association for Retarded Citizens (YARC) have helping others as their goal.

SADD, sponsored by Mr. Mark Hoffman, makes students aware of the tragedies that can result from drinking and driving. Among its annual activities, the group sponsored a poster contest, a Christmas caroling trip and a spring lock-in, said Becky Rushnok, vice-president.

The only requirement to join SADD was to promise not to drink and drive. In addition, SADD promoted the "Don't Drink and Drive" concept in the community.

With the motto "Service Can Be Fun," V-Teens organized several activities throughout the year.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Karen Hartman, V-Teens organized a Halloween party for children of faculty members. The group also oversaw the King of Hearts dance on February 28. A donation of \$500 was made to the American Heart Association from the profits of the annual turn-about dance.

Unlike SADD and V-Teens, the Youth Association for Retarded Citizens (YARC) aided people outside of VHS. Throughout the year, YARC worked closely with the Porter County Association for Retarded Citizens (PCARC), sponsoring a Halloween party and a trip to a Purdue University football game.

In addition, YARC sponsored a Christmas dance and a prom for PCARC. Club members also went to the YMCA weekly to help the retarded citizens learn to swim.

Although Hollywood may give teenagers a bad reputation, these organizations at VHS disproved this image through their dedication to community service.

by Mark Condon

WHILE FRESHMEN GREG Dudzienski and Shannon Bohaning enjoy a slow dance, freshman Clay Arnett and sophomore Toni Dalphett clown around at the King of Hearts Dance. The V-Teens dance was a turn-about, or girl ask guy dance.



Discovering a new outlook, Athletically speaking

Strength, courage, stamina, and skill all have been trademarks of a winner since the beginning of sports. However, many of today's athletes have forsaken the winning ideals of courtesy, sportsmanship, and fair play in striving to reach the ultimate goal of victory. In contrast, two VHS clubs are dedicated to provide students with a way to enjoy sports in a spirit of service and friendly competition.

A 60-member organization, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was founded to "present athletes and coaches with the excitement and adventure of serving Jesus, and to proclaim Christ through athletics," according to co-sponsors Dale Ciciora and Sam Rasmussen. Co-sponsoring the club along with Rasmussen and Ciciora was Mr. John Knauff.

"FCA gives the athlete a way to make his career more meaningful rather than just wins or losses, to get closer as a team, to get along with a coach, and to philosophically see there is a way to participate in sports in a good and clean way," said Ciciora.

To help support the organization and benefit the community, FCA participated in several fund-raising events and service projects including visiting nursing homes and supplying food baskets for the needy. FCA also gathered

funds by selling hamburgers at the Popcorn Festival and sponsoring its annual chili supper. FCA member rounded out its year with the annual cookout, at which officers for the '87-'88 school year were elected.

While FCA provided spiritual support for its members through Christianity, the intramural sports program provided for its members physically through relaxed competition. Intramurals were created to give students who are unable to participate in interscholastic sport a chance to compete, according to Mr. Mark Hoffman, director of Intramurals. In the several years, the Intramural Program has expanded to provide sports during each season of the year.

Sports offered in the fall intramural program included cross-country running, football, golf, and tennis. Bowling, boys' basketball, indoor tennis, skiing and weightlifting were offered during the winter, while golf, tennis, table-tennis, and volleyball were open to students in the spring.

"Most sports had a nominal fee to cover the cost of equipment and outside facilities," said Hoffman.

Combining informal competition and winning ideals, FCA and Intramural sports gave students a new outlook on athletics and competition.

by Matt Jankowski



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN Athletes Officers: Jill Bodensteiner, treasurer; Jody Susdorf, vice-president; Paul Stratton, president; Shelley McMurtrey, secretary.

DURING AN INTRAMURAL doubles match, junior Tony Hutton stands ready to hit a forehand, while senior Liz Etzler looks on.





AS SOPHOMORE NATHAN Hahn strains with the weights, sophomore David Williams spots him on the tricep pulldown. Intramural weightlifting took place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at The Gym.

WORKING ON THE food distribution line at FCA's annual fall chili supper are freshman Leslee Fritz and junior Lora Maier. All proceeds from the fundraiser are used to send students to summer FCA camp.



It's more than meets the eye

Cheerleaders: spirit!

"WANTED: High School Girl. Responsible. Enthusiastic. Hard Working. Leadership Ability."

Surprisingly, this is not an application for Student Council president, but it could be one for a VHS cheerleader or Vikette.

"People think it's just standing out there looking pretty," complained Lisa Engen, cheerleading sponsor. What most people don't know is that behind every cheer and mount are hundreds of hours of work. Besides working out twice a week during the school year, cheerleading squads prepared for their season by practicing together throughout the summer and attending DePauw University's cheerleading camp.

"It was really hot, but it was fun. All the cheerleading wasn't that bad, but the heat made it awful sometimes," said senior Becky Rushnok.

Because of the break-up of pep club, the cheerleaders took on the club's former responsibilities. Aside from their regular schedule of practicing and cheering on game nights, the cheerleaders were responsible for making banners to promote school spirit for sporting events.

Like the cheerleaders, Vikettes also put a lot of work into their job. In addition to their in-school practices, they worked five hours a week after school to learn new routines and perfect old ones.

"I have certain goals. I know where I want to be every 15 minutes," explained Sponsor Jan Sutton. "It's fun — the hard part is perfecting." It usually takes about 20 hours to perfect a routine.

Besides providing the pre-game and half-time entertainment at football and basketball games, the Vikettes perform in what Sutton calls, "public relation events". Public relations include collecting donations for the Salvation Army, holding a children's Halloween carnival on the VHS tennis courts, and entertaining spectators at the popcorn tent during Valpo's annual Popcorn Festival.

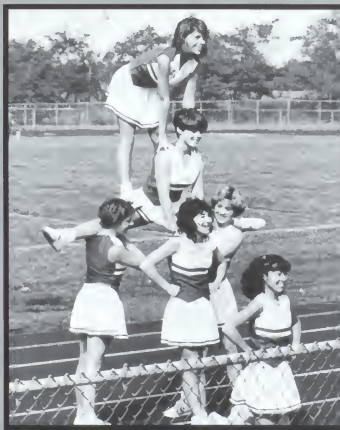
"We like the applause and cheers of the crowd. We know our practicing has paid off. It gives us a good feeling that we're helping the community, and it's fun!", said juniors Holly Dennis and Julie Deuberry.

by Jenny Bouvat



VIKETTES — Front Row: Jodi Horton, Lara Condie, Connie Bauswell, Dawn Robertson, Julie Dabrowski, Michelle McCuddy, Tonia McLinn, Laura Choate, Kim Worthy, Jenny Domer, Susan Shurr, Stacie Czup, Christianne Dick. Second Row: Christine Najar, Heather Miller, Aimee McKuhen, Lisa Epple, Marie Miller, Dee Peters, Michelle Klinefelter, Beth Masters, Jenny Hagstrom, Yvonne Razus, Holly Dennis, Stacy Shearhod, Carol Worden, Julie Deuberry, Shannon Bohanning, Carrie Okon. Back Row: Lori Bruder, Terri Miller, Tammy Whalla, Stacey Carmona, Jenny Lewis, Cindy Pressell, Cindy Wells, Jessica Hofferth, Kathy Wright, Trisha Dennis, Susan Roberts, Elynn Tolan, Melanie Groark, Danielle Todoseyevic, Kilm Coolonan, Erika Beeg, Camie Geer, Daiva Paulauskas, Sarah Andrews.

FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS — Front Row: Connie Delumpa. Second Row: Tonya Albregts, Gina Pampalone, Steffany Peters. Third Row: Kara Uris. Back Row: Amy Schroeder.



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After the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945, Harry S. Truman stepped in and made several key decisions while leading the country. In the same respect, Miss Barbara Miller stepped in as the VHS speech team sponsor, after its partial season last year, and led the team through its first full season.

"To be one of the top schools in the state, we needed to allow the students to expand in speech areas. Valpo students needed the opportunity to show their confidence in speaking," explained Miller as to why VHS introduced the Speech Team into its program last year.

"It enables students who are skilled in different areas to show their abilities. There's something in it for everyone," she added.

Participating students could compete in any of the 11 categories which included: Broadcasting, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Foreign and Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Oratorical Interpretation, Original Oratory, Poetry Interpretation, and Prose Interpretation.

Approximately 30 students competed with the team in at least one meet.

"With communication skills deficient in our society, Speech Team really gives its participants a head start in a complex world requiring the ever-increasing need to be able to communicate effectively," said senior Pete Yelkovic, varsity member.

Leaving at 6 a.m. every Saturday, a school bus transported team members to the meet location, which varied from schools located throughout the state.

Approximately 10 to 20 Indiana high schools competed in each contest.

Participants who received a combined score less than or equal to the cut-off points in the three preliminary rounds proceeded to the final round, where they were again judged to determine ribbon winners.

"The students learn from other students. They develop friendships along the way," Miller said.

"Chesterton and Munster have been in first and second place in the past. It's hard to compare us to them because this is our first full year of competition. In the future, we should be contenders," she said.

by Melissa Crownover

Three co-curricular clubs develop On-the-job know-how

Usually a high school student would associate the letters of the alphabet with learning his abc's at the beginning of elementary education. However, members of the three vocational clubs at VHS linked the letters OEA, DECA and VICA with establishing career goals for a more certain future.

Office Education Association, OEA, worked to teach students how to be a member of a business organization and to be a leader, according to sponsor Cindy Stalbaum.

OEA, along with its co-curricular class Intensive Office Lab, introduced and improved its 15 members' skills in such office-related areas as typing, shorthand, conducting meetings, preparing for job interviews, making presentations, and cooperating with others. OEA met and basically functioned each day in Office Lab, a class offered only to seniors.

Club sponsored activities for OEA included meetings twice a month, providing a food basket for needy families at Christmas, and sponsoring a soc-hop and seven bake sales, in addition to district competition at Crown Point, Indiana, on February 14.

An organization of 41 members, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) worked closely with Marketing Education Classes at VHS to develop "leadership in business, an awareness of social and civic duties and basic vocational understanding," in its members, according to DECA advisor Judy Commers.

Together with the Marketing Education classes, DECA educated its members on the buying, selling, and distribution of products, offered hands-on experience in marketing through employment during the school day, and basically provided "an opportunity to meet and become competent in the area of marketing one is interested in," said Commers.

DECA sponsored such social and civic activities as a dance, a fashion show, a food drive, and three bake sales. Profits made during each activity were used to pay entrance fees to state and district competitions in which VHS members matched their marketing skills with other area DECA members.

Designed to prepare students for careers specifically in the fields of architecture, electronics, health occupations, and machine trades, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) gave students a chance to "develop their skills, become a good citizen, and be of service to the community," stated sponsor John Angius.

In addition to state and district competition, VICA arranged such extra-curricular events as Christmas carolling, a food drive, a bake sale and a spring banquet.

Members of OEA, DECA and VICA proved that the letters of the alphabet didn't make them look to the past, but look more confidently to the future.

by Matt Jankowski



OFFICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION — Back Row: Stacy Schwartz, treasurer; Angie Jankowski, Tricia Schultz, Brenda Rentschler, Kevin Miller, Sue Evanoff. Front Row: Mrs. Cindy Stalbaum, adviser; Karen Wheeler, Tanya Mooney, secretary; Nancy Conley, Amy Barber, vice president. Not pictured: Kristi Harter, historian; Ann Cole, Teresa Hollandsworth, president.



PROPER CALCULATION OF numerical totals mandates great concentration from senior Sue Evanoff in her Office Training Lab. Evanoff enrolled in this class and, thus, became a member of OEA.



MODERN FASHION DISPLAYS by DECA members graced the VHS stage in late fall. This fashion show served as one of the club's primary fund-raisers.



FIRST PLACE AWARDS at DECA's District Contest went to seniors (front) Chris Frank, Corey Poff, (back) Paul Soliday, Ken Groves and Jeff Leffew.


AS PRESIDENT OF VICA Health Club, Portage High School senior Kathy Kilmurry directed the organization's activities in 1986-87.

DURING PRE-SEASON TRAINING, senior quarterback John Tapp and the varsity football team coordinated the powerful plays that took them to semistate. It was only the third time in VHS history that a football team earned a berth in the final four.



SOPHOMORE AARON PACHOLKE, junior Jim Arnold, senior Brett Polizotto and the rest of the boys' cross country team proved their commitment to excellence by winning their second consecutive state championship title. In practice, the team normally ran 15 miles a day.

Survival of the Fittest



From the start, we knew it wasn't going to be easy. As always, athletics at VHS involved a lot of sacrifices. But in addition to the curfews, the conditioning and the time commitments, most VHS teams faced one common problem -- inexperience.

It was our year to rebuild. Although we lost a lot of key athletes through graduation, we did not lose hope. With sometimes two or even three practices a day, the coaches uncovered the talent we knew we had. As a result, it was a record-breaking year.

We saw the boys' cross-country team win its second consecutive state championship, while senior standout Brett Polizotto received the Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award at the state meet.

It was also a strong year for our swimmers. While the girls' swim team sent two individuals and three divers to the state meet, senior Brian Benedict won the 50 and 100 meter freestyle races, making him the first VHS student ever to be a double state champion.

And for junior wrestler D.J. Seramur, it was also a banner year, as he placed second in the 98- pound weight class at state.

Whether we were practicing or performing, the key to our success was in our dedication. We knew that at game-time, it would be the SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

by Karen Mutka

JILL BODENSTEINER, THE lone senior on the girls' varsity basketball team, paced the Lady Vikings in their game against Crown Point. With a 12-10 record, the girls' season ended with their 32-28 loss to Michigan City Elston in the regional tournament.

SWIMMING

Team takes conference and sectionals

When the United States elects a new president, it takes a while for the people to adjust to the different style and learn to trust their new leader.

The same is true when a new coach is brought on to lead the members of an athletic team. In the case of the girls' swim team, first-year coach Paula Hartzer made a successful transition, gaining the trust of her swimmers and leading them to their first conference championship in seven years.

"We were both new to each other, so our goal was to learn to work together and improve week by week," explained Hartzer. "The girls trusted me as their coach, and that helped the team concept," she added.

In addition to capturing the conference, the girls won sectionals by defeating their arch-rival Chesterton and advanced to state, where they finished four-

teenth. Much of this success was due to the excellent balance between the swimmers and a strong diving team.

Freshman Michele Riffel led the swimmers by winning the 100 breaststroke at sectionals and advancing to state. Her performance, which included several pool records, earned her team MVP honors in addition to a spot on the all-conference team.

Sophomore Sandy Czekaj also qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle. Other strong swimmers for the girls included seniors Jennifer Cuppy, Gail Cyzyk, Pam Timmons, and freshmen Stacy Sattler and Kathleen Schenck.

"Our goal was to beat Chesterton, and we did that in conference and sectionals. The key to these victories was our depth — we were strong in all events," explained Cuppy.

In addition to those swimmers, the divers had several individuals

who made strong contributions at every meet. In order to qualify three divers for the state meet, the girls had to place 1-2-3 at sectionals, and they did just that. Juniors Sara Johnson, Kristen Mooney, and Kathleen Brady all made the trip to Indianapolis where they placed 6th, 10th, and 11th, respectively.

"It is extremely hard to get one diver to qualify for state, so having three is quite an honor," said diving coach Bill Chappo.

"I really believed that we could place 1-2-3 because I knew we had what it takes," explained Mooney. "But there were always doubts, so it was really exciting when we actually did it."

Brady was the sectional champion, setting an 11-dive record in the process. Mooney was named to the all-conference team for her first place finish at the conference meet.

by Jill Bodensteiner



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: Jill Marimon, Pam Timmons. Second Row: Carrie Daltonso, Kim Miller, Stacy Sattler, Kathleen Schenck, Cheryl Astrologes, Kristen Mooney, Rachel West, Kathleen Brady. Third Row: Tara Kiernan, Aimee White, Michele Riffel, Julie

Swartz, Laura Hanson, Christine Corns, Kelly Smith, Coach Paula Hartzer, Coach Bill Chappo. Back Row: Hilary White, Tanya Senne, Anne Boguslawski, Robin Pedersen, Sandy Czekaj, Jenna Cuppy, Gail Cyzyk, Caty Bernardi, Beth Ambelang, Sara Johnson.

GIRLS' SWIM TEAM Season Record: 7-5

Lake Central	L
Michigan City Rogers	W
Hobart	W
South Bend Clay	W
Merrillville	W
Chesterton	L
Crown point	L
Munster	L
LaPorte	W
Michigan City Elston	L
Highland	L
Rensselaer	W
Sectionals	L
State	1st

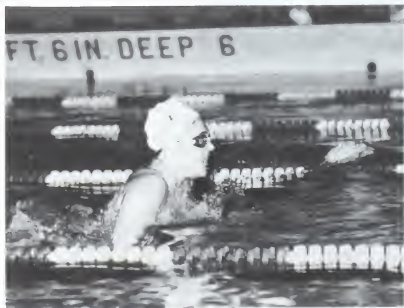
"Since we were new to each other, our goal was to improve every week and eventually be as successful as last year."

— Coach Paula Hartzer



JUNIOR KRISTEN MOONEY prepares to dive. Mooney was conference champion and a state finalist.

AFTER FINISHING THE 200 Individual Medley, freshman Kathleen Schenck is congratulated by teammates.



ALL STATE AND all-conference swimmer Michele Riffel performs the breaststroke.

FIRST-YEAR COACH Paula Hartzler cheers on her team at a home meet against Lake Central.

FOOTBALL

J.V. boys establish toughness

Success of an athletic team can be measured in one of two ways: by comparing the number of wins to losses, or by observing changes and improvements each contest brings about.

Completing the year with a winning mark of 5-2, the once-rival freshman football players blended for the first time this season, making an impressive showing.

"All in all, considering it was the first year with combined Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson players and new coaches, it was a very successful season," commented Assistant Coach Douglas Morthland.

Leading the defense, halfbacks Scott Petcu and Matt Sinclair were chosen as the Most Valuable Players due to their "outstanding performance on offense," according to Morthland. Linemen Mike Scime and Chuck Williams sparked the tough freshman defense and "were our strong defensive players," added Morthland.

Despite the junior varsity Viking football team posting a losing 3-4 overall record and a 3-3 Duneland Conference record, Offensive Coordinator Gary Gray described the 1986 season as a "great year as far as seeing the kids develop."

Troubles for the Vikings began early in the season as their offense was plagued by turnovers, weak blocking, and a lack of basic execution, leading them to an 0-3 start.

"Fumbles were our biggest problem," said Head Coach Dale Gott. He also explained that the team often fumbled the ball at very crucial times in a game. "Fumbles marred the season," he added.

However, keyed by a willingness to learn, good work habits, and an overall desire, the Vikings improved their offense by midseason and maintained a strong defense to win three of their last four games.

The season highlight, according to Coach Gott, came in the Vikings last game, as they downed Portage High School. The offense and the defense combined for 26 points, while holding the previously unbeaten Indians to just six points.

"Not only did they meet our expectations, but they went above them," stated Coach Gray. Citing the changes in the team he added, "The offense changed dramatically. Overall execution was much better. They went from a not very good team to a very good team."

Both Coach Gott and Coach Gray described the Vikings as a very physical team, though they lacked great size. "Real tough — not big-but tough," Coach Gray explained. "They just loved to play the game of football."

Averaging 13 points each game, the Vikings finished the season with a total of 88 points. Running backs Dave Evans, Eric Jakel, and Jeff Stanczak led the offense,

along with receiver Mike Connors. A.J. Fattore and Stanczak were named the most valuable players.

The traditionally tough Viking defense played well again this year, allowing an average of 10 points a game. Middle linebacker Eric Jakel led the defense with 62 tackles while tackle Rich Aytes followed with 40 tackles.

Aytes was named the Most Valuable Defensive Lineman while Jakel was voted the Most Valuable Defensive Player. Middle Linebacker and offensive guard Tim Thorley was named the Most Improved Player.

Through hard work and determination, the Vikings turned a would-be losing season into a success. In a statement that typified the 1986 j.v. football season, Coach Gott said, "They just never gave up."

by Matt Jankowski



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: Front Row: Junior Varsity cheerleaders: C. Buck, K. Brady, K. Scott, B. Hill, L. Arnold and D. Graham. Second Row: D. Evans, J. Stanczak, E. Jakel, M. Ziegert, B. Davis, S. Hanchar, M. Connors, J. Faber and R. Goodwin.

Third Row: D. Tolson, E. Hurni, J. Williams, A.J. Fattore, S. Drake, J. Troup, L. Sheets, J. Thomas, R. Aytes and M. Butler. Fourth Row: J. McDermott, E. Deal, T. Thorley, P. Sarafin, D. Peterson, R. DePalma, R. Condon, B. Manett, K. Jankowski, C. Bass and C. Douglas. Fifth

Row: B. Murphy, J. Carlson, S. Bednarek, B. Nelson, T. Gast, A. Hazlett, T. Rickman, B. Kotka, K. Ott and C. Wainman. Sixth Row: Dr. Stoltz, Trainer Rod Moore, Coach Dale Gott and Coach Gary Gray.

J.V. Football

Season Record: 3 - 4

Lew Wallace	L
Hobart	L
M.C. Rogers	L
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	L
LaPorte	W
Portage	W



STOPPING HIS OPPONENT, sophomore Dave Evans prevents a Michigan City score. His teammate Charlie Douglas, (21), stands by to help.

JOHN RAGSDALE (65) learns the dangers of football the hard way. Trainer Craig Jewelllyn (kneeling), and Coach Morthland make sure he is okay.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Freshman 'A' Team

Wins	Losses
5	2

Freshman 'B' Team

Win	Losses
1	3



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: Front Row: Freshman cheerleaders — Julie Kobe, A. Schroeder, C. DeLumpa, C. Uriss, J. Pampalano, S. Peters, T. Albrechts and D. Lewelyn. Second Row: D. Vendl, M. Sinclair, C. Nightengale, K. Stout, A. Lackey, B. Thompson, P. Zale, E. Valtarray and B. Schacki. Third Row: A. Cope-

land, D. Locopo, S. Petcu, C. Williams, M. Hardwick, K. Rizzo, A. Taylor, M. Scime, C. Beesley and C. Thomas. Fourth Row: E. Moe, T. Carroll, T. Bauer, E. Shirey, D. Reynolds, C. Olivic, B. Schneckenburger, R. Hanes, M. Conners and D. Kinsey. Fifth row: J. Crncevic, J. Bruder, D. Davis, C. Cornel, B.

Daggett, C. Funk, T. Gilmore, B. Johnson, A. Vaughan and S. Herma. Sixth Row: E. Fitzgerald, W. Szymanski, M. Miranowski, J. Epple, J. Miller, W. Lukrafta, D. Brown and E. Carlberg. Seventh Row: Coach Bennethum, Head Coach Morthland, Coach Barthold and Coach Kerns.

FOOTBALL

Vikes repeat trip to final four

Reaching the final four is an outstanding achievement for any team in any sport. However, the accomplishments of the 1986-87 football team were a step above outstanding. The Vikes made up for their lack of experience with hard work and dedication, and made it to the final four — again.

"We made it to the semi-state for the second straight year," said Head Coach Mark Hoffman. "Our group of seniors did it twice, and that is amazing."

Co-captains Mike Barone, Jeff Leffew, Dan Rice, Dan Spencer, John Tapp, Larry Wright, and the rest of the seniors provided the experience and leadership that was needed for this team to thrive.

"The seniors were exceptional in their attitude to win. As a coach, all you can ask is to work towards winning, and they all gave 100%," explained Hoffman.

After finishing the regular sea-

son with a 5-3 record, the Vikes stormed through sectionals and regionals, chalking up two overtime victories on the way. Although Valpo was stopped at semi-state by top-ranked Fort Wayne Snider, they came a step from a return trip to the Hoosier Dome.

"The best part of the season was that we surprised a lot of people by going farther than we were expected to at tourney time," said quarterback John Tapp.

One reason for the surprise shown over Valpo's success was the loss of 18 starters from last year's squad. However, the team rose to the occasion and did a great job of filling the many holes that were left by graduation.

"The second stringers on last year's team probably could have started at most other schools, so we weren't empty when it came to returning talent," explained se-

nior Larry Wright. "The key was our determination to prove that we could do it, and we all pushed each other until we were the best we could be."

Hoffman agreed, saying, "Our inexperience made us work real hard. We had to replace a lot of key people, but the kids responded real well to that challenge."

In addition to setting 13 team records throughout the season, there were several outstanding individual performances. Team MVP Mike Barone was one of four seniors given All-State recognition, along with juniors Jason Mack and Steven Mueller, who were named to the All-State junior team. In addition to Barone, Dan Spencer was named to the first team All-State, while Tapp and Wright were given honorable mentions.

by Jill Bodensteiner



VARSITY FOOTBALL — Front Row: Ron Graham, Kelly Zimmerman, Nancy Brooks, Tracy Macaleer, Shelby Anderson, Jennifer Williams, Cathy Prosser, Becky Rushnok, Bonni Nuest, Leanne Thomas, Jean Carter, Brent Ruggaber. Second Row: Scott Bihlman, David Raymond, Bryan Benke, Allen Federman, Steven Mueller, Tom Bartelmo, Larry Wright, John Pishkur, Jason Willis, Tom McDermott. Third Row: David Baker, Kevin Maxey, Cole

Doolittle, Kevin Birky, Pete Reggie, Paul Wainman, Doug Walls, Matt Kush, Bryan Fuller, Kevin Jones, Jeff Leffew. Fourth Row: Mark Bolde, Jason Mack, Jeff Gilliam, Jeff Dygert, David Defler, Shawn Will, David Doelling, Jeff Sensenbaugh, Paul Kennedy, Joe Kuhle. Fifth Row: Jon Woods, Jeff Daxe, Rick Vaughn, Corey Fortune, Marty Primich, Mark Bruce, Buddy Worline, Jeff Lewis, Scott Castle, Ken Barfell, Mark Schwab. Sixth Row: Ted Heinz, Jim Kline,

Mark Ziegert, Eric Jakel, Mike Troman, Dan Rice, Mike Barone, Dan Spencer, John Tapp, John Walsh, Bob Shinall. Seventh Row: Darin Cleveland, Robert Schultz, Chris Gregory, Lee Petcu, Shayne West. Back Row: Wayne Lichtenberger, Steve Osburn, Dave Watson, Tom McNeil, Dr. Robert Stoltz, Rod Moor, Doug Morthland, Todd Benethum, Rick Mitchell, Bob Barthold, Randy Kerns, John Cook, Dale Gott, Gary Gray, Terry Cox, Mark Hoffman.

VARSITY FOOTBALL Season Record: 9-4

Munster	W
Hobart	L
MC Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	L
LaPorte	W
Portage	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
SECTIONALS	
LaPorte	W
MC Elston	W
Mishawaka	W
REGIONALS	
Highland	W
SEMI-STATE	
Fort Wayne Snider	L

AS QUARTERBACK JOHN Tapp calls out the signals, the offensive line prepares to block. Throughout the year, Tapp threw for 1,473 yards to make him the 3rd all-time single season passer at Valpo.



EYEING THE OPPONENTS' defense, senior Jeff Leffew (15) carries the ball as running mate Marty Primich (34) follows.

LOOKING FOR AN opening in the Chesterton defense, junior running back Marty Primich gets a block from teammate Steven Mueller.



DEFENSIVE MVP LARRY Wright (10) prepares to tackle his Chesterton opponent as his defensive teammates remain in pursuit.



PAIGE McNULTY, SENIOR team member, swings to drive the ball. McNulty was one of the two returning letterwomen on the team.

SOPHOMORE BETH KOZLOWSKI eyes the ball preparing to hit it. Kozlowski was a returning letterwoman.



GIRLS' GOLF

Inexperience hinders golfers

In the business world, the amount of experience a person has can win him a job or prevent him from getting one. Coach Nancy Bender's girls' golf team found out early in its season just how important experience is.

"The lack of competition experience was evident. We had a lot of newcomers freshman and sophomores," said Coach Bender.

"We faced the toughest teams at the beginning of our season," added Bender.

Senior Paige McNulty, the only returning letterwoman besides sophomore Beth Kozlowski, noted, "For such an inexperienced, young team, I feel we did well. Because we practiced hard, five of us made it into regionals."

"Everybody tried hard to help and coach each other through the tough times. We all supported each other," she added.

According to Bender, each girl worked hard at her own goals. Individual practice efforts paid off later in the season.

"We lost some early meets, but we got better as the players gained needed experience," said Bender. The team finished with a conference record of three wins and three losses. They also tied for third place in the conference.

Much of the strength that led the Lady Vikings into competition and conference play lay in senior Kris DeMick and sophomore Beth Kozlowski, whom Bender credited as her two top golfers.

"Kris was a first year team member. She worked very hard and was the most consistent player on the team. She was determined to be a good golfer," said Bender.

DeMick was also named as the team's most valuable player.

"And Beth played a lot of tournaments before the team competition began," said Bender.

"One major accomplishment for the team was that Beth shot a 39 at Forest Park golf course. Only two other golfers of mine have ever broken 40, but she was the first sophomore to do it," added Bender.

According to Coach Bender, even though the team reached its goal of placing third at sectionals, it was a "building year to produce better golfers for future seasons."

"Last year we swept the conference, the sectionals, the regionals, and did well at state. We were also very experienced," commented Bender.

"The next two-three years will be strong. The playing experience they gained this year will be good for the future," said Bender.

by Chris Seroczynski

"We got better as the players gained experience," said Bender.



GIRLS' GOLF TEAM: Front Row: Amy Smith, Maureen Sullivan, Kelly Roberts, Jenny Worstell, Mary Pat Sullivan, Cindy Whitsett, and Coach Nancy Bender. Second Row: Leslie Perrow, Jill McNulty, and Beth Kozlowski. Not Pictured: Sonia Gott.

Girls' Golf Season Record: 3-7

Rennselaer	L
Elston/Marquette	L
Andean/Munster	L
Hobart	W
Merrillville	L
New Prairie/	L
Lake Central	L
Portage	W
M.C. Rogers	L
LaPorte	L
Chesterton	W
Sectional	3rd



SHOWING THE FORM that won her the most valuable player award, senior Kris DeMick eyes the ball.

SOPHOMORE JILL McNULTY putts while her teammate, freshman Maureen Sullivan, observes the play.

SOPHOMORE DAVE CASTLEMAN lunges as he makes contact with his opponent's shot during Valpo's victory over Merrillville.

FOLLOWING THROUGH ON a backhand is senior captain Doug Gerber. His play at number one singles earned him All-Conference honors.



AS JUNIOR TODD Scholl looks on, his doubles partner Matt Harris returns a forehand during a varsity match.



"I really enjoyed the season — it was a lot of fun. We were kind of upset with the way it ended. We worked so hard all season, and then it's over."

- Todd Scholl



BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS — Front Row: Drew Scholl, Dan Frye, Todd Scholl, Doug Gerber, Dave Castleman. Back Row: Coach Tim Shideler, Jay Telschow, Jaipal Patheja, Keith Kamanaroff, Matt Harris.

BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS
Season Record: 13-4

Calumet	W
LaPorte	L
Portage	L
Crown Point	W
Culver	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
MC Marquette	W
West Lafayette	L
Lafayette Harrison	W
Chesterton	W
MC Rogers	W
Andean	W
SECTIONALS	
Lowell	W
Chesterton	W
LaPorte	L



TENNIS

Devotion keys success

Often when workers become bored with their jobs, their performance level decreases. These are the times when it is nice to have a little fun on the job, in hopes that the enthusiasm rises.

The members of the boys' tennis team were never faced with the problems of boredom or lack of motivation. Their combination of hard work and enthusiasm led them to a 13-4 season.

"Everyone looked forward to practice, because it was fun. We all worked hard to improve for the team's sake," explained junior letter-winner Todd Scholl.

Due to the inexperience of the team heading into the season, Coach Tim Shideler was unsure of how the season would develop.

"We weren't sure how good we were going to do this year. We had no match experience, and then we got off to a shaky 1 and 2 start," said Shideler.

Things turned around in a hurry, as the team won its next 10 out of 11 regular season meets. Led by the play of senior team captain Doug Gerber, the team finished the regular season on a good note by defeating Andrean, a team

that beat VHS last year.

"Every time we played, we seemed to get a little bit better," added Shideler. "It was a lot of fun to coach because they improved with every match."

After defeating both Lowell and Chesterton to make it to the sectional finals, the boys lost to an excellent LaPorte team, who was ranked 17th in the state.

According to senior doubles player Dan Frye, "We did the best we could — we couldn't have given them a better match." Frye and his number one doubles partner Drew Scholl were named All-Conference for their undefeated play in Duneland Athletic Conference matches, along with Gerber, who played number one singles for Valpo.

The junior varsity team, coached by Frank Saikley, finished with a 13-1 record. First place in the j.v. tournament was taken by sophomore Keith Kamanaroff, who also earned his varsity letter. Runner-up in the tourney was sophomore Phil Sauer.

by Jill Bodensteiner

BOYS' J.V. TENNIS

Season Record: 13-1

Calumet	W
LaPorte	W
Portage	W
Crown Point	W
Culver	L
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
MC Marquette	W
West Lafayette	W
Lafayette Harrison	W
Chesterton	W
MC Rogers	W
Andrean	W



BOYS' J.V. TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Mike Dixon, Salvador Rodriguez, Jeff Heath, Jeff Fischer, Mark Fischer, Paul Brown. Back Row:

Coach Frank Saikley, Pete Speckhard, Glen Landstrom, Tim Miller, Phil Sauer, Chris Freitag, Dan Kozlowski.

"I was pleased with the season. Some people questioned their positions, but Coach (Frank) Saikley knew what he was doing, and we had a successful season."

- Pete Speckhard



WHILE JUNIOR TEAM member Colleen Jones discusses a runner's time with 1986 graduate Dion Jones, manager Amber Cleis takes down stats.



AMIDST A SEA of towels and shoes, junior Wendy Berner and senior Lori Sier find the water cooler. Sier was the team's only senior.

ONE STEP CLOSER to the finish, Meghan Martin crosses the line. Martin was a third year team member.



HELPING HER TEAM win points to assure another Viking victory, sophomore Becky Klinedinst holds out to the finish line.

X-COUNTRY

New girls' team shows its tenacity

"Since we had so few returning runners, we knew this would be a rebuilding year," said girls' cross country Coach Pat McKay. "Most of the freshmen didn't know what to expect," she added.

With this in mind, Coach McKay and her Assistant Coach Debbie Fray set their pre-season goal. "We wanted to bring each girl as far along as possible," said Fray.

According to McKay, the team surpassed this goal which was surprising for a team "with so many rookies on it." Meghan Martin and Colleen Jones were the team's only returning letterwinners. However, Martin was injured throughout the season. "Meghan couldn't run the way she wanted to. She had a hamstring pull, back problems, and suffered from hypoglycemia," said McKay.

Another problem according to McKay was building the team's mental toughness.

"With the diverse personalities, the girls were not 'close-knit' but they got along well. Even though we lost a few meets, we pulled together in the end," commented McKay.

"The girls proved stronger than we expected," added McKay.

According to Lori Sier, the team's only senior, "I knew cross country was a lot of hard work and time consuming. In a way it was different from track because there weren't as many people on the team so we were a lot closer and worked more like a team instead of individuals. We had a lot of fun with it."

Practice sessions varied from day to day in order to familiarize the new members with the sport.

The team alternated speed and distance daily.

"Our toughest practice was eight-eighths, (yard runs) and our longest practice ran seven miles," said McKay.

At the end of the season, four runners were recognized for their dedication. Junior Colleen Jones was named most valuable player (MVP), junior Jennifer Howard was named most improved, and junior Meghan Martin was awarded the mental attitude award. Freshman Wanda Peterson was named junior varsity's most improved runner.

"Jennifer Howard, Kelly Seroczynski (junior), and Missi Voigt (freshman) were also outstanding runners," added Coach McKay.

by Chris Seroczynski



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Season Record: 4-4

Hammond Noll	W
MC Elston	L
Chesterton	L
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Munster	W
Highland	L
Duneland	
Conference Meet	3rd
Crown Point	L
Sectional	4th



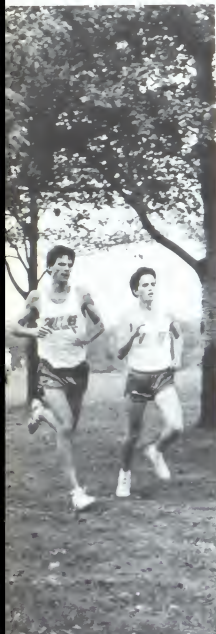
GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row: Sara Ehlers, Jennifer Howard, Marcia Evans, and Wendy Berner. Second Row: Jenny Pitt, Becky Klinedinst, Kelly Seroczynski, Colleen Jones, Kristin Hartwig, and Me-

ghan Martin. Back Row: Asst. Coach Debbie Fray, Amy Baker, Lori Sier, Missi Voigt, Wanda Peterson, Star Weatherspoon, and Coach McKay.

"We wanted to bring each girl as far along as possible,"

— Coach McKay

BRETT POLIZOTTO. THE teams number one runner and third year all-stater, wrapped up his season with second place at state.



RUNNING SIDE BY side, senior Mark Jones and junior Jim Arnold work their way towards another VHS victory.

WHILE THE VHS BOYS cross country team sets up their tent to keep out the rain, Coach Rasmussen discussed the meet.





THE BOYS START another race and fight for strong positions. One strategy for the team was to 'get out strong' at the beginning of the race.



X-COUNTRY

Boys' cross country proves superior

"Third time's a charm," the saying goes. But for the 1986 boys' cross country team, every time was a charm. With their second undefeated season, the boys have a two year record of 247 wins and 0 losses.

"It is beyond my comprehension on how a group of young men can dedicate themselves for two years," said Coach Sam Rasmussen.

According to Rasmussen, "It took a lot of discipline and small reinforcements along the way to achieve success."

Senior team members, such as Loren Huck, Mark Jones and

Brett Polizotto were the team's leaders.

"I feel the season reflects our seniors," said Rasmussen.

"Mark Jones dedicated himself to being on a state championship team, he is one reason we were as successful as we were," said Rasmussen.

"I felt after running with the guys for three years, we developed a good relationship," said senior Loren Huck.

After the team wrapped up another state title, senior Brett Polizotto was awarded the mental attitude award.

"Brett is a third year 'all-state'

runner with a lot of experience. I would have been disappointed if he would not have gotten the award," said Rasmussen.

Polizotto was named as the team's most valuable player (MVP), Mark Jones was named as most improved, best team runner was Loren Huck, and junior Jim Arnold was named as the team's outstanding runner.

"We have one and only one ambition, to be the best. What else is there?" This Rasmussen quote explains the team's attitude and desired goals. "It was a thought that summed up the season."

by Chris Seroczynski

ADDING POINTS For another VHS victory, junior Carl Frey holds out until the finish of the regional meet. After capturing a first at regionals, the Vikings went on to win state.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Season Record: 15-0	
Lafayette/Chesterton	W
M.C. Elston	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Crown Point/Lake Central/Highland	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
New Prairie Invitational	W
LaPorte/Merrillville	W
Highland Invitational	W
Hobart/Portage	W
Hobart Invitational	W
Duneland Conference	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	1st
Semi-State	1st
State	1st



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row: Troy Ferguson, Nat Keammerer, Brett Polizotto, Jim Arnold, and Aaron Pacholke. Second Row: Neill Harrington, Loren Huck, Carl Frey,

Rusty Johnston, and Eric Helton. Back Row: Rob Mahoney, Matt Uterback, Mark Jones, Matt Harrington, Assistant Coach Mike Polite, and Coach Sam Rasmussen.

"It is beyond my comprehension on how a group of young men can dedicate themselves for two years,"
- Coach Rasmussen.

VOLLEYBALL

Vikes share conference title

At the high school level, most teams have one basic goal in mind, and that is to defeat the opposing teams. Competition between teammates usually proves to be a hindrance in the development of any team. This was not the case for the 1986 girls' volleyball team, which used its internal competition as a motivator to play harder.

"All of our players were pretty equal, so there was a lot of competition for those 6 starting spots," said senior Jody Susdorf. "We all worked hard during the whole year — no one was willing to give up their playing time."

This hard work along with their ability to work together were the keys for the girls as they fought to a 17-10 record and became co-champions of the Duneland Athletic Conference.

"The girls all learned to work together and played very well as a team. Our senior leaders did a good job of pulling everyone together," said Head Coach Mark Knauff.

Knauff credited senior co-captains Jill Koetke and Jill Smith with providing much of this leadership, along with seniors Michelle Lambert, Shelley McMurtrey, and Jody Susdorf. A third co-captain, junior Melissa Crownover was a second year letter-winner and also provided leadership for the rest of the team. Crownover, the team's top hitter, earned First Team All-Conference honors for her outstanding play, along with Smith, who was named to the second All-Conference Team.

According to Shelley McMurtrey, the highlight of the season was defeating Merrillville to become conference co-champs with Michigan City Rogers. Despite this upset, which capped off the Vikes regular season, Merrillville avenged their earlier loss only three matches later by defeating Valpo in the sectional finals.

"The match was so close, and we definitely played to the best of our capabilities," said Smith. "But, at the conclusion, we felt that a second victory just wasn't

meant to be."

The team's award for Most Valuable Player was given to Melissa Crownover, while fellow junior Tracy Zoladz was named Most Improved. Michelle Lambert received the Mental Attitude Award and Jill Smith the Leadership award.

The junior varsity team, led by sophomore Most Valuable Player Jennifer Cole and Mental Attitude winner Heather Hoffman, fought to a season record of 14-4. Despite this winning record, Coach Elke Bowman felt that they could have been better.

"Our goal was to be undefeated. We got off to a 6-0 start, and then became a roller coaster team. We definitely had the talent to be undefeated," said Bowman.

Sophomore Lisa Henderson agreed, saying, "We all had the individual skills, but some of the players didn't work very well together as a team."

by Jill Bodensteiner



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL — First Row: Jody Susdorf, Stephanie Snider, Heather Mallet, Shelley McMurtrey, Michelle Lambert. Middle Row: Traci Leveritt, Jennifer Henderson, Neallie Jones,

Traci Zoladz, Missi Crownover. Back Row: Kim Lewis, manager, Becca VanDenburgh, manager, Sarah Fischer, Jill Koetke, Jill Smith, Coach Mark Knauff.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Season Record: 17-10

North Judson	W	Bishop Noll	W
Highland	L	Lake Central	W
Westville	W	Michigan City Rogers	L
Hammond Gavit	W	Griffith	L
Munster	L	Plymouth	L
Crown Point	W	Andean	L
Kankakee Valley	W	Portage	W
Hobart	W	Chesterton	W
Merrillville	L	MC Marquette	W
Hanover Central	W	Merrillville	W
Andean	L	SECTIONALS	
Hebron	L	River Forest	W
Hammond Morton	W	Lake Station	W
LaPorte	W	Merrillville	L



AS JUNIOR MELISSA Crownover follows through on a spike, seniors Jody Susdorf and Jill Smith await the return.



JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYER Jennifer Cole spikes the ball towards the outstretched arms of the opposing blocker as freshman Janine Rose looks on.

THE GIRLS' VICTORY over Westville was aided by the spiking of junior Jennifer Henderson, as she launches one into the opponents court. Watching the play are senior Michelle Lambert and junior Missi Crownover.



J.V. VOLLEYBALL
Season Record: 14-4

North Judson	W
Highland	W
Westville	W
Hammond Gavit	W
Munster	W
Crown Point	W
Kankakee Valley	L
Hobart	W
Hebron	W
Hammond Morton	W
LaPorte	L
Hammond Noll	W
Lake Central	L
MC Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
MC Marquette	W
Merrillville	L



J.V. VOLLEYBALL — Front Row: Dawn Shalapsik, Jennifer Alles, Heather Hoffman, Kelly Van Rosendale, Stacy Williamson, Susan Spruitenberg. Back Row: Coach

Elke Bowman, Andrea Mathis, Lisa Henderson, Kelly Pritchett, Kathleen Ducat, Janine Rose, Jennifer Cole, Rebecca VanDenburgh, manager.

"The best thing about the season was that we improved week by week, and because of that, we have a good foundation for next year."

- Heather Hoffman

FRESHMEN

Girls' teams adapt to VHS

When the freshmen made the move up to the high school, there were many changes that they had to face. For the athletes, that meant a whole new system of teams and coaches, as well as the opportunity to play at the junior varsity or varsity level.

Both the girls' volleyball and basketball teams were no longer linked with their junior highs as in past years, but were now divided equally into Green and White teams. According to the coaches, the girls made the transition to VHS very well.

"I think the kids adjusted real well to their first year at the high school," said Mrs. Nancy Ficken, volleyball coach. "It was a real advantage for them to be able to watch a lot of varsity matches."

Ficken was the head coach of the Green volleyball team, which finished the season at 11-4. The White team, coached by Cheryl Younger, also had a season record of 11-4.

Both coaches agreed that the highlight of the season was the eight team Valpo Tourney, in

which the White team defeated the Green in the final game.

"It was a lot of fun to play against the Green team," said White team member Heather Moore. "Our goal was for both teams to make it to the finals."

The cohesiveness of the girls was a key for both teams. "They all got along real well — there wasn't a lot of the usual fighting," said Younger.

"Also, even if the girls misplayed something during the match, they always knew what should have been done," added Ficken of the team strengths.

White team awards were given to Heather Moore for Mental Attitude and Colleen Johnston for Most Improved. Lisa Precourt received the Mental Attitude Award and Jennifer Stevens was voted Most Improved for the Green team.

The basketball players were also divided equally into White and Green teams. Coach Lance Nolting's White team finished at 5-8, while Coach Rick Mitchell's Green team had a season record

of 2-12.

Although Nolting described their first year at VHS as "basically the same as at the junior highs," both coaches noted the problems of practice facilities and number of girls.

"This is the first time freshmen could play at higher levels, so we lost six or seven girls to the j.v. or varsity teams," said Mitchell.

Both coaches took the emphasis off winning and set goals for their teams to improve by the end of the year. The White team showed much improvement by winning five out of its last eight games.

"We could have easily been 8-5 because three of those losses were by a total of four points," said Nolting.

White team awards went to Carole Cornman for free throw percentage and Becky Stanier for rebounds. Kelly Roberts was the top free throw shooter and Heather Moore the top rebounder for the green team.

by Jill Bodensteiner



FRESHMAN WHITE VOLLEYBALL — Front Row: Sandy Eissenmenger, Colleen Johnston, Colleen Bernardi, Kandal Coolman, Chris Ellis, Laura Ellsworth. Back Row: Coach Cheryl

Younger, Tanya Simpson, manager, Leslie Fritz, Colleen Sullivan, Heather Moore, Lisa Libassi, Amy Woods, Carole Cornman, Tina Pachronis, Jennifer Hill.

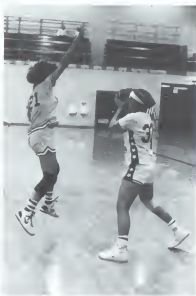


FRESHMAN GREEN VOLLEYBALL — Front Row: Deb Walsh, Lisa Precourt, Jodi Humes, Jennifer Withrow, Chris Bell, Jodi Gudino, Nicki

Pequet. Back Row: Kerrie Smith, Jennifer Stevens, Laura Stanier, Becky Stanier, Kathy Johnson, Jami Sier, Coach Nancy Ficken.



TINA PAPACHRONIS SPIKES the ball toward her Portage opponent as teammate Kandal Coolman looks on.



AFTER FAKING HER defender into the air, freshman Kelly Roberts prepares to drive to the basket. Roberts led the green team in scoring, averaging 7.1 points per game.

COACH LANCE NOLTING instructs his freshmen girls during a timeout. The white team posted a 5-8 record in their first year at VHS.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Season Record "Green": 11-4

Season Record "White": 11-4

OPPONENT	G	W
Andean	-	L
Plymouth	-	L
Chesterton	W	W
Portage	W	-
Hobart	L	W
Portage	W	W
Andean	-	W
Kankakee Valley	L	W
LaPorte	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Hammond Noll	W	L
Merrillville Pierce	W	W
Lake Central	L	L
M'ville Harrison	W	-
LaPorte	W	-
Valpo Tourney	2nd	1st

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Season Record "Green": 2-12

Season Record "White": 5-8

OPPONENT	G	W
Kankakee Valley	L	L
M'ville Pierce	L	W
Kankakee Valley	L	-
Portage	L	W
Chesterton	L	L
Hobart	W	L
LaPorte	L	L
Andean	L	W
Crown Point	L	L
Valpo Tourney	4th	3rd
LaPorte	W	-
M'ville Harrison	W	L
Lake Central	L	L
Munster	-	W



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL — Front Row: Kathleen Schenk, Julie Swartz, Jessica Dunn, Jodi Humes, Kandal Coolman, Kim Coolman, Paula Gifford. Second Row: Val Wasemann, Kerrie Smith, Carole Cornman, Becky Stanier, Kelly Smith, Laura Stanier, Jennifer

Withrow, Erica Hartwig, Nicki Pequet, Colleen Johnston, Nancy Carmona. Back Row: Coach Lance Nolting, Jennifer Hill, Deb Walsh, Heather Moore, Lisa Libassi, Kelly Roberts, Laura Ellsworth, Colleen Bernardi, Coach Rick Mitchell.

BASKETBALL

Young team gains needed experience

According to several coaches, 1986-1987 was a rebuilding year for many Valparaiso High School teams. Girls' basketball was no exception.

With a first year varsity coach and only two returning varsity players, the team was very inexperienced.

"It was exciting from the standpoint that I was involved with the varsity level program, that I worked with the girls in sectional and regional competition, and also that the varsity head coach has 1,001 odd jobs that aren't there as a j.v. coach," said first year Varsity Coach Dave Kenning.

According to Kenning, dealing with the inexperience was the toughest part of coaching. "It was hard getting them to handle the varsity level and helping them become confident."

The experience of other teams also caused the Lady Vikes problems. "We lost by four points to Merrillville. They had an excellent record and lots of seniors

with varsity experience," said Kenning.

"It was unusual because we only had two varsity repeats. It was new to everyone to go through the motions of tournaments, along with sectional and regional play," he added.

Because there were only two seniors on the team, these girls were looked to for leadership, according to Kenning. "They looked to Jill Bodensteiner as the only senior on the squad. We lost Jill Smith to a knee injury. She was another member the girls looked to for leadership," he added.

Even though the girls were inexperienced, they were fundamentally sound. "We were a small team but we still out-rebounded our opponents and had higher free throw percentages," said Kenning.

The team was led in scoring by sophomore Jennifer Cole and senior Jill Bodensteiner who also led the team in assists. Junior Missi Crownover led the team in rebounds and placed third in scor-

ing.

According to Kenning, the main weakness of the team was the lack of consistency, height, and quickness.

Despite these weaknesses, the Lady Vikes achieved their goal of being sectional champions.

Overall, Kenning was happy with the season and felt the girls could still improve next year. "I was pleased with the second-half of the season. After Christmas we had a record of 9-4." The girls finished their season with a record of 12-10 after losing in the first round of regional play to Michigan City Elston.

The junior varsity team was led by first year coach Mark Knauff and finished their season with a record of 14-4. Freshman Kristin Follis led in scoring, assists, and had the highest free throw percentage. Sophomore Kathleen Ducat pulled down the most rebounds.

by Chris Seroczynski



"I was pleased with our season."

- Jill Bodensteiner



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL — Front Row: Michelle Risk, Mgr., Jennifer Cole, Michelle Kirk, Kim Gott, Heather Mallett, Mgr. Tracey McAleer. Back Row: Jill Boden-

steiner, Jill Smith, Katie Hoffert, Lisa Henderson, Neallie Jones, Missi Crownover, Jennifer Curtis, Beth Flynn.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 12-10

Hammond Morton	W
South Newton	L
Lake Central	L
Lafayette Jefferson	W
M.C. Rogers	L
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	L
Edison	L
Andean	L
Highland	W
Chesterton	W
Portage	W
Merrillville	L
South Central	W
Hobart	W
Hammond Gavit	L
Sectionals	W
Regionals	L



WHILE LOOKING FOR an opening, senior Jill Bodensteiner pivots around Andrean's Acquanetta Washington. Bodensteiner led the team in assists.

SOPHOMORE JENNIFER COLE passes ball to one of her team members. Cole led in scoring along with senior Jill Bodensteiner.



**GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY
BASKETBALL**
Season Record: 14-4

Hammond Morton	W
South Newton	W
Lake Central	L
Lafayette Jefferson	L
M.C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	W
Lake Station	W
Andrean	W
Highland	W
Chesterton	W
Portage	W
Merrillville	W
South Central	W
Portage Tourney	W-L
Hobart	L
Hammond Morton	W



GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL — Row: Coach Mark Knauff, Jeannine Ullom, Mary Pat Sullivan, Stacy Anselm, Kristen Follis, Missy Thomas, Kelly Van Rosendale.
Front Row: Heather Hoffman, Erica Hartwig, Carrie Davis, Sue Brown, Kathleen Ducat, Janine Rose. Back

**"Togetherness was
the key."**

—Kristen Follis

AS HE HEADS toward the basket, freshman Scott Petcu launches a jumper over his Munster opponent. Petcu's rebounding led the freshman "A" team as it fought to a 16-3 record.

FRESHMAN ROB CAVANAUGH looks for the drive during a Valpo victory over Munster. Cavanaugh led the freshman "A" team in minutes, scoring and assists.



"The main reason for our successful season was our balance. Every one on the team contributed in some way — whether it was scoring, rebounding, defense or ball-handling."

— Matt Hanner



SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL
— Front Row: Bob Higgins, Dan Martin, Ken Jankowski, Jason Krieger, Jody Pishkur, Sean Siew-

in. Back Row: Coach Lew Rhinehart, Shawn Brennan, David Mapes, Brian Murphy, Jeff Earl, Matt Hanner, Scott Casbon.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL
Season Record: 10-4

Oregon-Davis
Kouts
Portage
Hanover Central
MC Rogers
Boone Grove
Bishop Noll
Merrillville
MC Rogers
Washington Twp.
Portage
Morgan Twp.
Wheeler
EC Central

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BASKETBALL

Sophs, frosh find success

In 1987, the release of the movie "Hoosiers" made a national statement about Indiana high school boys' basketball. People came to know it as a fast-paced action game as well as an exciting spectator sport. The high school gyms were always packed for Friday night games, and the athletes received first-class treatment.

While this may be the case at the varsity level, it wasn't always the same for the sophomore and freshmen boys' teams at Valpo. Despite the fact that it was often difficult for them to find a place and time to practice, the boys still showed what Indiana basketball is all about — winning.

The sophomore boys finished the year with a 10-4 season record. According to Head Coach Lew Rhinehart, the keys to the team's success were determination, unity, and balance.

"I have had few teams that hustled every game and worked as hard as this year's team did," said Rhinehart.

Despite the fact that the sophomores often competed against junior varsity teams, they got off to

an excellent 8-0 start. This streak included victories over top opponents Portage, MC Rogers and Merrillville.

Balance was another key to the team's success, with every one contributing in some way. Matt Hanner led the scoring with 93 points, and Jason Krieger had the best free throw percentage at 82 percent. Top rebounder for the sophomores was Jeff Earl, with Jody Pishkur finishing a close second. Bob Higgins and Pishkur dished out 40 and 37 assists, respectively.

According to Rhinehart, the main purpose of the sophomore team is to prepare the players for the varsity level.

"The players know that if they do well this year, they have a good chance to play varsity — and that is all the motivation they need," said Rhinehart.

The 26 boys selected to play freshman basketball were broken up into three separate teams — "A," "B" and "C." Head coaches Bob Barthold and John Knauff worked together to coach all three of these teams, which practiced as

one unit. The "A" and "B" teams usually played the same opponents, finishing with records of 16-3 and 13-6, respectively, including two "A" team tournament championships. The "C" team played a different schedule, finishing the season at 5-6.

According to Barthold, the goal of the season was "for each of the players to improve as an individual throughout the year."

"We wanted everyone to play their best," added Knauff, "and have a lot of fun."

The strengths of the freshman team were quickness, shooting ability, and intensity, which helped to offset their overall lack of height.

Jeff Gott and Dave Redmon demonstrated the team's good shooting ability as they tied for the free throw award at 72 percent. Leading rebounder was Scott Petcu, and Rob Cavanaugh handed out a team high 75 assists. Other key players for the freshmen were defensive specialists Matt Sinclair and Jon Gertsmeier.

by Jill Bodensteiner

SKYING TOWARD THE basket, sophomore Bob Higgins lays in two points during a game against M.C. Rogers. Higgins' season total of 40 assists was tops on the sophomore team.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Season Record "A": 16-3
Season Record "B": 13-6
Season Record "A"-"B":

M'ville, Pierce	W	W
Lake Station	-	W
Gary Roosevelt	L	W
Plymouth	W	L
EC Central	L	L
Boone Grove	-	L
LaPorte	W	L
Lake Station	-	W
Kankakee Valley	W	-
LaPorte	W	-
Munster	W	W
M'ville, Harrison	W	L
North Judson	-	W
Hobart	W	W
Kankakee Valley	W	W
Portage	W	L
Highland	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Crown Point	W	W
MC Rogers	L	W
Rensselaer	W	W
LaPorte	W	-
Portage	W	-



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL
— Front Row: Matt Sinclair, Dick Wardrop, Chris Davis, Robbie Cavanaugh, Chris Collins, Dan Kozlowski, Neill Harrington, Bryan Sievin, Jeff Gott, Second Row: Scott Wilson, manager, Jim Wilson, Scott Schneckenberger, Craig Cor-

neil, Rob Hanes, Matt McGuinn, Mike McLinn, Jon Gertsmeier, Chad Nightingale, Back Row: Coach John Knauff, Tim Carroll, Mark Robinson, Keith Bickers, Scott Petcu, John Mitchell, David Redmon, Jim Ailes, Matt Milanowski, Joel Martin, Coach Bob Barthold.

FRESHMAN "C" BASKETBALL

Season Record: 5-6

Lake Station	W
River Forest	W
Lake Station	L
River Forest	W
Wheeler	L
Hebron	L
Boone Grove	W
Morgan Twp.	L
New Prairie	L
Lake Station	W
Portage	L

A TEAM DEFENSIVE effort is displayed by seniors Dan Rice and Craig Meyers as they double team their Merrillville opponent.

AS HE EYES the Chesterton defense, senior guard Rodney Harden looks to score. The three-year letterman used his outside touch to lead the Vikings in scoring.



"Through the ups and downs of the season, our team spirit remained a constant."

— Craig Meyers

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL — Front Row: Joe Furlin, Craig Meyers, Dan Rice, Mike Troman, Mark Jones, John Tapp, Scott Spruitenburg, Jim Carmichael.

Back Row: Coach Skip Collins, Rodney Harden, Jeff Anselm, Joe Wendt, Bob Risk, Bill Ferngren, Stan Bednarik, manager; Ron Graham, manager.

VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 11 - 11

Boone Grove	L
Gary Roosevelt	L
EC Central	L
Chesterton	W
Highland	L
Merrillville	L
Plymouth	W
MC Rogers	L
MC Elston	W(OT)
Chesterton	L(OT)
Kankakee Valley	W
LaPorte	W
MC Rogers	L
Lafayette	W
Portage	W
Hobart	L
Munster	W
Hammond Gavit	W
Logansport	L
North Judson	W(OT)
SECTIONALS	
Wheeler	W
Chesterton	L(3 OT)

BASKETBALL

Sectional string ends at nine

On most sports teams, a balance of experienced veterans and fresh rookies is desired. The veterans can then lead the younger players through the year, teaching the system as they go.

As the Viking basketball team learned during the year, leadership is a tough task for just a few individuals. After regaining only two lettermen from last year's team, the Vikes pulled together and fought to an 11-11 record.

"It was very hard at the beginning of the season to predict our outcome," Coach Skip Collins explained. "We had the least amount of experience ever."

Seniors Rodney Harden and John Tapp were the lone returners, and their experience and leadership proved to be a valuable asset to the club.

"Rodney and John were very good leaders, especially by example," Collins said. "That whole senior class was a group of winners — very hard-working and very goal-oriented." They spent more

hours practicing than any team I've ever had. We sometimes went three practices a day during vacation.

In addition to the hard work ethic of the team, Collins listed their strengths as free throw shooting and good defense. The Vikes shot 80 percent from the free throw line, setting a school record in the process. Center Dan Rice led the way, as he made 38 of 39 attempts for 97 percent.

The Vikes headed into sectionals with a 10-10 record and a string of nine consecutive sectional titles on the line. After defeating Wheeler in the first round, Valpo lost to Chesterton 55-52 in a triple overtime game.

Although the team set no numerical goals, it achieved some things that Collins felt were more important.

"We wanted to get along with each other during the season, and on the last day of practice be able to say we were still friends," he said. "And we also wanted to play

the game as well as we could play it."

Harden, who was named to the second All-Conference team, received the team MVP award after averaging 13 points per game. In addition to being the team's top free throw shooter, senior Dan Rice grabbed a team high 118 rebounds. Junior Jeff Anselm handed out 62 assists for the Vikings.

The j.v. team, coached by Bob Punter, finished its season at 16-4. According to Punter, highlights of the year included capturing the Valpo tournament and winning a close game over Lafayette Jefferson.

Team awards were given to Brian Sullivan for free throw percentage and Keith Kamanaroff, who led the team in assists with 51. Junior Brad Cavanaugh received the awards for most defensive points and highest rebound total.

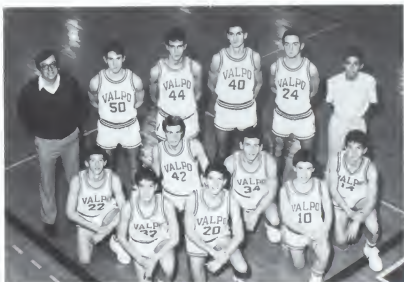
by Jill Bodensteiner

SENIOR FORWARD JOHN Tapp shoots over the Chesterton defense. Tapp led the team in field goal shooting at 61 percent.



J.V. BASKETBALL Season Record: 16 - 4

Boone Grove	W
Gary Roosevelt	L
EC Central	L
Chesterton	W
Highland	W
Merrillville	W
Plymouth	W
MC Elston	W
MC Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Kankakee Valley	W
LaPorte	W
MC Rogers	L
Lafayette	W
Portage	W
Hobart	(2 OT)L
Munster	W
Hammond Gavit	W
Logansport	W
North Judson	W



J.V. BOYS' BASKETBALL — Front Row: Matt Harrington, Joe Furlin, Jeff Frailey, Bob Risk, Van Evanoff, Brian Sullivan, Keith Kamanaroff.

Back Row: Coach Bob Punter, Jeff Stanczak, Brad Cavanaugh, Jason Derucki, Jeff Moore, Steve McDonald, manager.

"We all got along well during the season, and that was our main goal."

— Bob Risk

JUNIOR DOUG KLEMEZ dives into the pool preparing to complete his leg of the freestyle relay.

CONCENTRATION IS EVIDENT on the face of junior Brian Volk as he prepares to dive. Volk took first place for the Vikings at sectionals.



"The tradition has helped the swimming program a lot — we're in the midst of something of a dynasty."

— Skip Bird

BOYS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: Jody Ilgenfritz, Karla Droegge, managers; Andy Curtis, John Lethan, Patty Bird, Kathleen Schenk, managers. Second Row: Head Coach Skip Bird, Jeff Hood, Tim Hofstetzer, Dan Betjemann, Dave Doid, Brian Volk, Jeff Adney, Todd Agnew, Julia Betjemann, manager. Third Row: Coach Bill Chappo, Steve Johnson,

Matt Kolar, Joe Gerzema, Mark Ambelang, Mike Crowder, Matt Krynsinski, Doug Klemz, Brett Novner. Back Row: Sean Osner, Ed Dixon, Matt Carlin, Rich Choate, Scott Hofstetzer, Steve Marquez, Scott Valpatic, John Hruska, Salvador Rodriguez. Not pictured: Burt Largura, Brian Benedict, Dusty Hamacher.

BOYS' SWIMMING Season Record: 12 - 3

Culver Relays	2nd
Munster	L
LaPorte	W
Munster Relays	1st
MC Rogers	W
LaPorte Inv.	1st
Highland	W
Columbus North	L
Warsaw	W
Kokomo	W
Lake Central	L
Merrillville	W
Chesterton	W
Hobart	W
Portage	W
Gary Roosevelt (j.v.)	W
DAC Meet	1st
Crown Point	W
Hammond Noll	W
SECTIONALS	1st
STATE	6th



SWIMMING

Vikings place sixth at state

For any athletic team, being successful is a very elusive goal; although it may be attained in one season, it is difficult to maintain for several successive years. While it is no easy task to achieve a single successful season, the teams that clearly stand above the others are those which establish a tradition of winning and remain at the top year after year.

In continuing with its winning tradition, the boys' swim team, under the direction of 20-year coach Charles E. "Skip" Bird, racked up its eleventh consecutive winning season to set it apart as one of the finest swimming teams in Indiana.

"We're blessed with a tradition of excellence in this school," said Coach Bird. "The tradition has helped the swimming program a lot—we're in the midst of something of a dynasty."

Led by senior tri-captains Jeff Adney, Brian Benedict, and Burt Largura, the Vikings dominated their opponents, posting a 12-3 conference record including victories over strong rivals Chesterton and Portage. They also captured their seventh sectional crown in eight years, and placed in the top 10 in state competition for the

thirteenth year in a row.

Finishing strongly at state, the Vikes combined several high-quality performances to place sixth in the overall standings. Captain Brian Benedict became the Vikes' first-ever double state champion, placing first in both the 50 and 100-meter freestyle. In addition, the medley relay team of David Dold, Joe Gerzema, Jeff Hood, and Burt Largura became state champions. Also, the freestyle relay of Jeff Adney, Brian Benedict, Jeff Hood, and Doug Klemz placed third, with Dan Betjeman, Gerzema, and Hood each placing in the top 20 in single events.

To accompany his state championship honors, Benedict received the season High Point Trophy, the MVP Award, and the DAC MVP award. Other special honor recipients were Jeff Adney with the Star Award, Dan Betjeman with the Best Times Award, and Scott Hoftiezer was selected most improved.

According to Bird, the successful season was primarily keyed by the team's commitment and knowledge of its carefully constructed, rigorous practices, which took place both before and after school, on Saturdays, during

vacation, and on days of meets.

"The team was pretty dedicated," said Bird. "They were intelligent about their training. Competition in our area was pretty fierce, and that helped us. We couldn't become lazy or complacent in our training," he added.

Furthermore, Bird also credited the diving team, along with Diving Coach Bill Chappo and Assistant Coach Paula Hartzler for the outstanding season.

In reviewing the season, Bird used the word development to most accurately describe the team. "Development—in that we saw a lot of new swimmers develop into successful swimmers become stars, and we saw brand new swimmers develop skills that hold promise for the future," explained Bird.

"We had the season mapped out... we stayed on schedule. If there were surprises, they were good," Bird concluded, in a final examination of the season. "We were rarely disappointed with the way the team performed. Even though we're losing some real strength, I think next year will be one of the strongest teams ever."

by Matt Jankowski

SENIOR TRI-CAPTAINS BRIAN Benedict, Burt Largura and Jeff Adney lead the cheers for fellow teammates Todd Agnew, Dave Dold and Matt Krynsinski at a Valpo home meet.

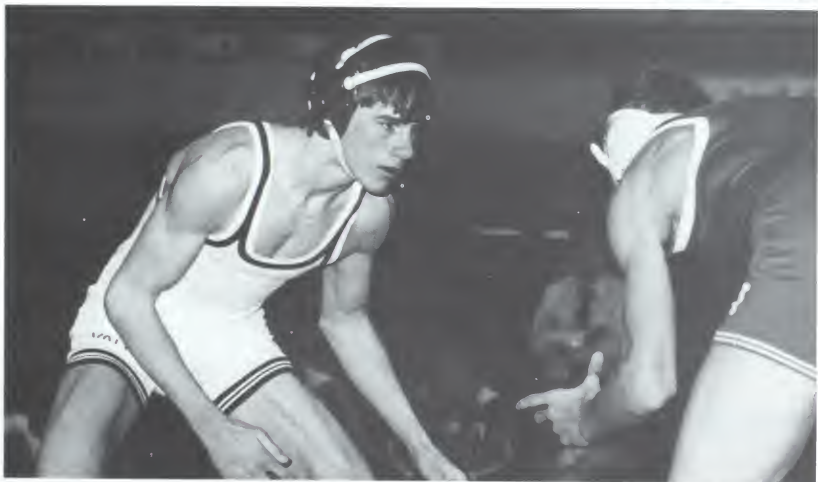
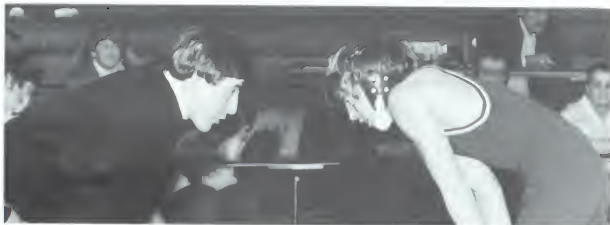
DOUBLE STATE CHAMPION Brian Benedict checks the times after completing his event. Benedict placed first in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle races at the state meet.



SENIOR BURT LARGURA swims the breaststroke leg of the medley relay, which was first at the state meet.

JUNIOR CHRIS COLE discusses his match with Head Coach John Cook. Cole was a varsity team member and wrestled in the 105 pound weight class.

FIFTH PLACE STATE finisher Steve Beiser concentrates on a strategy to defeat his Portage opponent. Beiser wrestled the 138 pound class.



"We had two state place winners which happened for the first time in school history."

— Coach Cook



VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM -
Front Row: D. J. Seramur, Chris Cole, Dan Carrell, Brian Blakely, Tom Bartelmo, Jim Williams, Darrell VanCleaf. Back Row: Allen

Federman, Marc Hamacher, Marty Primich, Steve Beiser, Troy Zulich, Todd Young, Dave Defier, Mike Scime.

VARSITY WRESTLING Season Record: 14-5

Lowell	W
North Newton	W
Hanover Central	W
Wirt	W
Hammond	W
East Chicago Central	W
Crown Point	L
Andean	W
Goshen	L
Gary West Side	W
Munster	W
Highland	W
Penn	L
Chesterton	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
Portage	L
LaPorte	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	W

WRESTLING

Viking wrestlers place two at state

In attempting to reach the overall goal of success, an athletic team cannot simply rush into their season without careful planning and still hope to accomplish their purpose. Rather, a major key in attaining a year of excellence is in the establishing of several realistic goals, both short-term and long range.

Setting out to win sectionals, to be ranked in the top 20 teams in Indiana, to have more than one state qualifier, and to generally have a winning season from pre-season, the varsity wrestling team, under the direction of Coach John Cook, met all of these goals to have yet another outstanding season.

Behind a consistent strength in the mid to upper weight divisions, the Viking matmen finished the season with a conference mark of 14-5 and state ranking of seventeenth. The Vikes also advanced two wrestlers to state and captured their fourth consecutive sectional title.

The highlight of the season, according to Cook, was the Sectional victory. "That was number one. Chesterton and Portage had beaten us during the season. We weren't expected to win but we did by 40 or 50 points," Cook said.

Leading the way to the Vikes' dominating sectional win were seniors Tom Bartelmo and Steve Beiser and juniors Marc Hama-

cher and D. J. Seramur. Helping the team along with runners-up finishes were senior Dave Defler, juniors Allen Federman and Marty Primich, and sophomore James Williams.

To go along with their sectional crowns, team leaders Beiser and Seramur both capped off spectacular seasons with a trip to state competition at Indianapolis. Ending his high school wrestling career with an individual record of 29-4, Beiser fought off injuries during the regular season to capture a fifth place victory in the 138 pound division at state.

"With a slipped disc and a broken thumb during the season, I'm really psyched about how things

turned out," said Beiser.

Having a record-breaking year for most wins by a junior, Seramur posted a 35-6 mark during the regular season on his way to winning statewide second place honors in the 98 pound weight class.

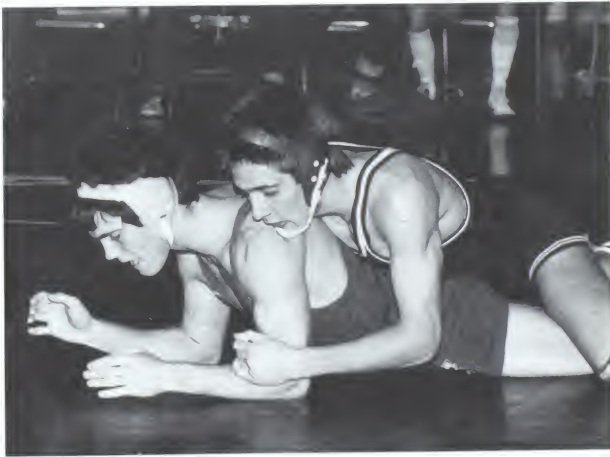
"Mr. Cook deserves a lot of credit for putting up with a lot of flak from our team and still leading us to our fourth consecutive sectional championship," said Beiser.

The Junior Varsity team, under the direction of Coaches Mike Tipton and Randy Kerns, finished the season with a conference mark of 12-2.

by Matt Jankowski



ALLEN FEDERMAN, JUNIOR, is congratulated by Brian Blakley. Federman wrestled the 177 pound weight class.



WRESTLING IN THE 132 pound class, Marc Hamacher, a junior, competes against a Portage opponent.

STATE FINALIST JENNIFER Stout demonstrates the expertise that made her successful. Stout was a third-year varsity letterwinner.

SHOWING THAT SKILL comes from experience, senior Kristi Vendl executes a handstand on the beam. She was a four-year letterwinner.



"Even though we worked hard, it really paid off, and we got results."

— Kristi Vendl



GIRLS' GYMNASTICS TEAM — Front Row: Julie Kobe, Michelle Howard, Jennifer Stout, Kristi Vendl, Gretchen Fierst. Back Row: Coach Lorie Cook, Lisa McLean, Laura Furlin, Sara Johnson, Dawn DeMan, Missy Massa, Assistant Coach Becky Jurgeons.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS Season Record: 7 - 2

M.C. Rogers	W
M.C. Elston	W
Munster	W
LaPorte	W
Ft. Wayne Classic	3rd
Hobart	W
Chesterton	L
Highland	W
Portage	W
Merrillville	L
Duneland Conference	3rd
Sectional	2nd

GYMNASTICS

Lady gymnasts prove strength by breaking record

Although skill is a key factor to a team's success, Gymnastics Coach Lorie Cook attributed a great deal of her team's success to hard work and team cohesiveness.

"The girls were mentally tough and worked hard. They worked with a lot of little pains such as ripped hands (from the uneven bars) and sore muscles," Cook said.

Outstanding gymnasts included senior Kristi Vendl, freshman Laura Furlin, and juniors Missy Massa and Jennifer Stout. Vendl was second on bars in the conference, and Furlin was a top scorer with nines on two events. Furlin, however, was forced out of competition due to an injury.

Massa placed tenth on the bars at the state championship, whereas Stout finished eighth on the beam and 15th in the all-around.

"Laura was a super asset to the team with a high degree of difficulty in all of her routines," Cook said.

"All of the girls improved on

skill and set a school record by breaking the team score of 100. Last year we only broke 100 one time; this year there was only one time that we didn't. I was very pleased with the way the girls performed," said Cook.

Four year letterwinner Kristi Vendl said, "Breaking the school record was really great! We have worked on that for a long time. I think our hard work really paid off."

Although the hard work and skill was important, mental support from the team's two seniors was also a factor, according to Cook.

"Kristi Vendl really kept up making signs and t-shirts. This was encouraging and made the girls work for their goals. She was behind us one hundred percent. She also brought a lot of attention to the team," Cook added.

Senior Dawn DeMan was another supporting senior. "Dawn was a hard worker. She was always very encouraging to the oth-

er girls. She has a very even keeled personality," Cook said.

According to Cook, the team was very close. "There was a real team cohesiveness. Although skill is important, gymnastics is not an individual sport. I think all of the girls would have traded in any individual trophy for a team trophy. The girls were very team-oriented," said Cook.

Sophomore Gretchen Fierst said, "We all got along really well. Also because of the size of our team, (ten gymnasts), we became close-knit."

Despite injuries that affected Furlin and junior Sara Johnson, the team was ranked eighth in the state.

"It was a little frustrating when Connorsville won the state championship considering we beat them early in the season," Cook said.

Coach Cook feels confident about the next season. "We have four underclassmen that have good potential if they work hard.

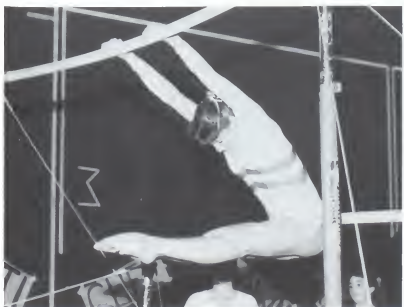
Also the top three scorers were juniors. Although we lacked a depth of experienced gymnasts, the girls worked hard and showed improvement."

The Most Improved Gymnast Award went to senior team member Dawn DeMan. The Most Valuable Player Award was given to junior Jennifer Stout. While Missy Massa, junior, received the Most Points Award, junior Sara Johnson won the Mental Attitude Award.

"Jennifer and Missy were named as all-conference. This was quite an honor considering that our conference is so tough. Chesterton was sixth in the state, Merrillville was seventh in the state and we were eighth in the state. So, the Duneland Conference is a very good gymnastics conference," Cook said.

Coach Cook is optimistic about the next season, as long as the team stays "injury free."

by Chris Seroczynski



LAURA FURLIN, FRESHMAN, practices her bars routine. She was a first-year team member.

WITH EXTREME BALANCE, sophomore Gretchen Fierst concentrates on her beam routine.

SENIOR SHORTSTOP CHRIS Page prepares to throw a runner out at first. Page provided stability offensively and defensively for the Vikings.



BASEBALL

Vikes boast best season ever

In the world of athletics, the often quoted adage, "The best offense is a good defense," frequently holds true. One only has to recall the 1985 World Champion Chicago Bears, the 1986 World Champion New York Giants or the 1986 World Champion New York Mets to verify this statement.

In much the same way, this year's varsity baseball team, under the direction of Head Coach Pat Murphy, also achieved success through a strong defense.

"It's very simple," explained Murphy. "We've made fewer errors this year than in the past, we're especially strong up the middle, and we have depth. We had the best season ever in the history of VHS baseball."

Leading the Vikings on defense were outfielders Mike Cook and Dan Murphy, second baseman Mitch Marcus, short stop Chris Page, first baseman Paul Stratton, and catcher John Pishkur.

Cook, Murphy, Page, and Pishkur, all seniors, were also outstanding on offense.

Another big asset for the Vikings, according to Murphy, was "the luxury of having five pitchers we wouldn't hesitate to put on the mound." Left-handers Mike Cook and Scott Spruitenburg led the staff along with junior hurlers Lee Petcu, Phil Rettinger, and Rob Strikwerda.

"It's been a pleasant surprise — we knew we had good upper-class pitchers, but we didn't know about Strikwerda, and Petcu, who have been better than we thought. They're doing a very nice job," said Murphy.

Highlighting the season for the Vikings was a solid victory over a strong Crown Point team, then ranked first in the state. Junior Scott Spruitenburg was credited for the 7-3 win, with Phil Rettinger picking up the save.

Despite the early losses to LaPorte, Portage and Merrillville,

the Vikings went on to beat Portage and Merrillville later in the season.

Due to a tough 4-3 mid-season loss to rival Hobart, the Vikings dropped to a Duneland Conference record of 4-5. They went on to finish the season with a 24-9 overall record.

Senior team members earning individual awards included Mike Cook, who received the Most Valuable Offensive player honors, and Mitch Marcus, who received the Most Valuable Defensive player award. Team M.V.P. was John Pishkur.

Behind the leadership of Head Coach Gary Gray, the hard-working j.v. team finished its season strongly, posting an 8-10 record.

In addition to the j.v. squad, a freshman team was added to the baseball program this year. Led by Head Coach Dale Gott, the freshmen compiled a 13-6 season record.

by Matt Jankowski

"I was happy with our win-loss record, but I don't think we played to our full potential."

— Paul Stratton



BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL — Front Row: Dan Murphy, Chris Page, Doug Walls, Mike Cook, Mitch Marcus, Rob Strikwerda. Second Row: Frank Melion, Fred McLane, John Pishkur, Bob Magnetti, Paul

Wainman, Lee Petcu, Dan Eichmeier. Back Row: Head Coach Pat Murphy, Paul Stratton, Phil Rettinger, Scott Spruitenburg, Bob Porter, Asst. Coach Biff Geiss.

VARSITY BASEBALL Season Record: 24-9

Whiting	W
Hammond Noll	W
South Central (2)	W/W
Crown Point	W
LaPorte	L
M. C. Marquette (2)	W/L
Portage	L
Lowell	W
Hobart	W
Merrillville	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
Chesterton	W
M. C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	L
Portage	W
Edison	W
Hobart	L
Merrillville	W
Chesterton	L
M. C. Rogers	W
E. C. Central (2)	2W
Elkhart Central	W
Highland	W
Horace Mann (2)	W/L
SECTIONALS	3W
REGIONALS	W/L



AN MC ROGERS batter and senior catcher John Pishkur await the pitch of Rob Strikwerda. Strikwerda finished the year at 4-3.

FRESHMAN JEFF GOTT scores a run for the Viking freshman team, which finished the year at 13-6.



THE VALPO TEAM lines up at home plate to congratulate senior Paul Stratton after he hit a home run.



J.V. BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Paul Patton, Sean Siewin, Matt Carlin, Joe Kimerer, Erin Morgan, Rob Behrend, Jody Pishkur, David Holt. Back Row: Coach Gary

Gray, Ames Hazlett, Darren Pederson, Mike Connors, Jason Karris, David Maritz, Stan Bednarck, Ken Jankowski.



FRESHMAN BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Chris Miller, Bob Resh, Brian Siewin, Tom Gott, batboy, Marc Crownover, Matt Sinclair, Doug Peterson, Mark Sundwall. Standing: Wally

Szymanski, Tim Carrel, Jeff Gott, Scott Petcu, Jeff Porter, Mark Robinson, Eric Thompson, Aaron Lackey, Chris Collins, Dominic Locopo, Joel Martin, Coach Dale Gott.

SENIOR INFIELDER JODY Susdorf prepares to throw out a runner at first. Susdorf's consistent play at second base anchored the team.



AN ALL-CONFERENCE pitcher last year as a freshman, sophomore Dawn Shalapsik winds up to deliver a pitch to her opponent.

ALTHOUGH MOST OF her time was spent pitching to the opposition, senior Lynnea Cole takes her turn as a batter. In addition to her pitching and offense, Cole provided much leadership for the Vikes.



"Even though we didn't accomplish all of our team goals, we really had fun. Coach (Bennethum) had patience with us — he deserves a lot of credit."

— Jody Susdorf



GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Jennifer Higbie, Jean Carter, Traci Leveritt, Leanne Thomas, Michelle Kirk. Second Row: Carrie Buck, Dawn Shalapsik,

Tina Hensel, Lynnea Cole, Jody Susdorf. Back Row: Ann Neal, Janet Fuller, Jennifer Cole, Coach Nancy Brown, Head Coach Todd Bennethum.

GIRLS' VARSITY
SOFTBALL
Season Record: 8-15

Crown Point	L
M. C. Marquette	W
LaPorte	W
Penn (2)	W/L
Portage	L
Hobart	L
Merrillville	L
Lowell (2)	W/W
Chesterton	L
M. C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	L
Portage	L
Viking Inv.	W/L
Hobart	L
Merrillville	L
Hammond Morton	W
Chesterton	L
S. B. Riley	L
M. C. Rogers	L
SECTIONALS	L

SOFTBALL

Injuries hinder girls' success

After all the hours of practices and games that a high school team goes through, there are bound to be a few injuries. It is usually easy to replace the injured player with a competent back-up.

However, the 1987 softball team dealt with more than just a "few injuries" throughout its season. While most teams were just reaching their mid-season form, the Lady Vikes had almost half of their 13 girl roster suffering injuries ranging from broken bones to the chicken pox.

"We had so many people out at one time, that all of the remaining players had to learn a new position within a day or two," sophomore Jennifer Cole said.

According to Head Coach Todd Bennethum, the strengths of the team were their pitching, unity and ability to come back, which helped to offset the injuries.

"We had a lot of last inning victories because they were a good

comeback team. They really never gave up," said Bennethum.

The pitching was led by senior Lynnea Cole and sophomore Dawn Shalapsik, who each threw a no-hitter during the season. Additional pitching was provided by senior Jody Susdorf, who was the team's regular second baseman.

"Jody developed into a very consistent fielder. She made both the routine and outstanding plays at second," said Bennethum.

The Viking offense was powered by catcher Jennifer Cole, who led the team in almost every offensive category and supplied good defense behind the plate.

Another strength that Bennethum stated was the unity of the team, which included sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

"I was real happy with the way they played together. They either won as a team or lost as a team," explained Bennethum.

One problem that Bennethum

stated was the lack of experience that most of his players had. Because varsity softball was just recently started at VHS, many of the girls didn't have the fast pitch background of the other teams.

A step in the right direction to solving this problem was taken this year with the addition of a junior varsity softball team. This team, coached by Cheryl Younger, served the purpose of teaching the basic skills to the younger players.

"This was the first time most of these girls had seen fast pitch, so I was pleased with their improvements from game to game," said Younger.

Varsity team awards were given to Lynnea Cole for MVP and Tina Hensel for Most Improved. The Mental Attitude award went to Susdorf and Jennifer Cole was the team's Most Productive Hitter.

by Jill Bodensteiner

GIRLS' J.V. SOFTBALL Season Record: 0-17

Laf. Harrison (2)	L/L
LaPorte	L
Merrillville	L
Highland	L
Bishop Noll (2)	L/L
Griffith	L
Crown Point	L
Portage (2)	L/L
Highland	L
S.B. LaSalle	L
Merrillville	L
Griffith	L
LaPorte	L
Highland	L



GIRLS' J.V. SOFTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Chris Ellis, Chris Bell, Deb Walsh, Kandal Coolman, Nicki Pequet, Paula Gifford, Second Row: Jennifer Barker, Heidi Kellogg, Leslie Fritz, Val Wasemann,

Jennifer Stanier, Tamara Cuttler, Back Row: Kerrie Smith, Kathleen Ducat, Catherine Periolat, Kelly Roberts, Colleen Sullivan, Coach Cheryl Younger.

"Our record wasn't the best, but we continued to improve and had a lot of fun."

— Kelly Roberts

TRACK

Valpo boys repeat winning year

He was the new kid of the block this year, and all eyes were on him. But Mr. Mark Hoffman came out on top and made a lasting impression as the newest head coach of the VHS boys' track and field team.

The 1987 season marked Hoffman's first year as head coach, although for 12 years he had served as an assistant coach to Sam Rasmussen. Hoffman was assisted this year by Mr. Terry Cox, Mr. Dan Jones, and Mr. Mike Polite.

Hoffman's goals for the track team were to win the Valpo Relays, the Duneland Athletic Conference, and Sectionals. The team fulfilled these goals by taking first place at the Valpo Relays and winning both the DAC and Sectional titles.

Hoffman stated that the track team also had the best indoor season in VHS history, having finished with a 3-0 record. The team placed first in the Lake Central Invitational and the Thornwood Invitational.

Extremely tough competition during the indoor season prepared the team for the outdoor season, Hoffman added. The team's toughest

competition in the DAC was Chesterton, he said.

The track team experienced difficulties early in the season with rebuilding its field events, but quickly overcame this through the dedication of its members.

The team was especially strong, said Hoffman, in "overall team depth and in senior leadership. This year we had an outstanding group of seniors."

Team captains this year included Bob Morrison, Ted Volk and Steve Mueller for the sprinters, and Todd Hancock for the jumpers. Brett Polizzotto and Loren Huck were captains for the distance runners, and Dan Spencer, Mike Barone, and Dan Rice for field events.

Hoffman believed that his juniors are capable of carrying next year's team "if they dedicate themselves and work hard in the off-season." Hoffman noted that the underclassmen were strong, and contributed to the team throughout the season.

by Jennifer Barker

ONE STRIDE AHEAD of Brett Polizzotto are senior Loren Huck and junior Jim Arnold. Polizzotto won the race, however.

IN THE LAST race of a dual meet against LaPorte, senior Bob Morrison runs the anchor leg of the winning mile relay team.



"Because this was my senior year, I was glad we did as well as we did."

— Bob Morrison

BOYS' TRACK TEAM — Front Row: Mark Jones, Bryan Benke, Rusty Johnson, Steven Mueller, Ted Volk, Bob Morrison, Rich Choate, Matt Morris, Dick Wardrop, Brett Polizzotto. Second Row: Loren Huck, Jeff Nevills, Allan Brandy, Jeff Stanzak, Carl Shurt, Darin Kuchas, Mark Ziegert, Chris Bass, Kevin Jones, Jim Arnold, Chad Nightengale. Third Row: Nat Keammerer, Craig Meyers, Todd Hancock, Pete Cunningham, Ryan Rozinski, Scott Perez, Charlie Douglas, Dave Evans, Tom Small, Matt Utterback, Cole Doolittle. Fourth Row: Bryan Fuller, Cliff Mallins, Aaron Pacholke, Matt Kush, Rich Aytes, Dan Evanoff, Eric Helton, Pete Reggie, Scott Drake, Eric Jakel, Jeff Gilliam,

Tim Thorley. Fifth Row: Chad Griencie, Dan Spencer, Dan Rice, Rob Mahoney, Jeff Neal, John Pitt, Tony Rickman, Damon Colby, Eric Deal, Mickey Nolan, Craig Corneli, Rich Merril, Mike McLinn. Sixth Row: Jeff Newell, Mark Schwab, Paul Synowiec, Rusty Goodwin, Mark Briggs, John Woods, Mark Bolde, John Etchison, Brian Schneckenberger, Stephen Snyder, Kyl Rizzo. Seventh Row: Todd Bauer, A. J. Fattore, Chuck Williams, Mike Miller, Dan Davis, Don Tursman, Eric Shirey, Matt Hardwick, Brian Davis, Tad Gilmore, Emmitt Fitzgerald, James King. Back Row: Coach Mark Hoffman, Sarah Evans, Chris Seroczynski, Terry Cox, Dan Jones, Brent Ruggaber.

BOYS' TRACK Season Record: 15-1

INDOOR	
Thornwood Inv.	W
Lake Central/Hobart	W
Lake Central Inv.	W

OUTDOOR	
Lew Wallace	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
N. Newton	W
Chesterton Relays	2nd
M.C. Rogers	W
Valpo Relays	1st
DAC Meet	1st
SECTIONALS	1st
REGIONALS	1st



SENIOR DAN RICE winds up to throw the discus. Rice was a three-year team member and letter winner.

AS HE CLEARS the high jump bar, junior Bryan Benke helps add points toward another VHS victory. He was a three-year team member.

SUSIE FOLKE, SENIOR, is cheered on by Kelly Seroczynski, Seroczynski, Folke, Lisa Henderson, and Starr Witherspoon were on the all-conference relay.

SOPHOMORE BETH HILL stretches to extend the distance of her long jump attempt at a home meet against Chesterton.



"The season was not the best as far as records go, but we got a lot out of it."

— Kelly Seroczynski



GIRLS' TRACK TEAM - Front Row: Marcia Evans, Colleen Jones, Prue Searles, Kristin Hartwig, Jodi Humes, Erica Hartwig, Kim Tapp. Second Row: Laura Hanson, Kelly Watt, Kim Allen, Julie Kobe, Jennifer Stout, Whitney Ward, Kathie Brobeck, Sarah Fischer. Third Row: Jenny Pitt, Shannon Haugh, Carole Cornman, Jennifer Howard, Kelly Seroczynski, Rachel West, Kelly McLane, Meghan Martin, Laurie Kush. Fourth Row: Leslie Perrow, Paula Riley, Jodi Gudino, Lisa Hart,

Maureen Sullivan, Debbie Graham, Sara Ehlers, Heather Fierst, Jenny Payne, mgr. Fifth Row: Amy Baker, mgr., Laura Stanier, Susie Folke, Lisa Henderson, Beth Hill, Becky Stanier, Sara Johnson, Lisa Libassi, Heather Moore, Jennifer Henderson, Stephanie Snider. Back Row: Asst. Coach Cindy Willis, Coach Pat McKay, Wanda Peterson, Lori Sier, Becky Klinedinst, Amanda Jones, Susan Dolhover, Missy Voigt, Starr Witherspoon, Asst. Coach Nancy Ficken, Asst. Coach Debbie Fray

GIRLS' TRACK Season Record: 2-7

Portage	L
Chesterton	L
LaPorte	L
Merrillville	L
Hobart	L
Lake Central	L
M.C. Rogers	W
Crown Point	W
DAC Meet	5th
SECTIONALS	7th

TRACK

Lack of depth hurts Vikings

Her heart is pounding, she raises her head to the wind and steadies her sleek form in the blocks ... BANG! Valparaiso High School's girls' track team was off and running.

Although it may have got off to a running start with Coaches Pat McKay, Debbie Fray, Nancy Ficken and Cindy Willis, the team ended up losing most of its meets with very close scores.

McKay said she had hoped for a better season, but due to the loss of these key points at DAC meets "It just didn't happen." In addition, the team was mainly composed of freshmen, with only four seniors providing leadership.

McKay noted, that through the losses her team kept a very positive attitude. "They never gave up," she said. Assistant Coach Debbie Fray added, "This is the hardest working bunch of girls I have ever coached."

Despite their record, the Lady Vikings turned in some strong per-

formances and ran away with a lot of blue ribbons.

McKay credited junior Colleen Jones and sophomore Lisa Henderson for repeatedly capturing firsts in distance events. She also noted that freshman Jodi Gudino and juniors Kim Allen, Jennifer Stout and Jennifer Henderson turned in strong performances in sprints, while junior Kelly Seroczynski held her own in the middle distance races. Another record setter for the team was senior Susie Folke in the hurdle events.

Field event stand outs included freshman shotputters Laura and Becky Stanier, as well as Henderson.

Looking ahead, Coach McKay has high expectations for next season. She said, "Ben Franklin's eighth grade team is very strong. Both seventh grade middle school teams are doing well and should add depth."

by Tami Blomberg



SOPHOMORE LISA HENDERSON leads the 800 meter run and is followed by freshman Lisa Hart. Henderson also ran the 1600 and the mile relay.

CLEARING THE HIGH jump bar is senior Lori Sier. She was a third year letterwinner and captured third at the conference meet at Portage.



"This year worked
out really well for
us."

— Matt Harrington



BOYS' SOCCER TEAM: Front Row: Chris Kanagy, Clayton Pullins, Marty Primich, Rob Holmes, Dirk Chilian, Jason Taylor. Second Row: Steve Beiser, Mark Ambelang, Jeff Sensenbaugh, Tim Kehret, Dusty Hamacher, Matt Harrington, Marc Hamacher. Back Row: Coach Hans Scheller, Moses Munoz, Troy Ferguson, Salvador Rodriguez, Justin Gerlicke, Machi Rodriguez, Jason Freitag.

BOYS' SOCCER	
Season Record: 9-2-1	
Hammond Morton	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	L
Lew Wallace	W
Highland	W
Lake Central	W
Griffith	W
Andean	L
Merrillville	W
Portage	T
Hammond	W
Chesterton	W



SOCCER

New coach turns around season

One of the many useful and unique qualities of mankind is the ability to correct and learn from mistakes. While machines may repeat their errors, humans have the intelligence to avoid and to profit from previous mistakes.

Similarly, the boys' soccer team, in its third season, learned from the failures and a 5-6 record last year to post a 9-2-1 overall mark this season.

"Physically, we're basically the same team as last year. Mentally, we were better prepared this year," said first year Head Soccer Coach Hans Scheller. "We played a lot smarter than last season — they deserved to win."

Scheller cited that the team's major strength was in its ability to play well as a team and have strong players come off the bench. "We really work well as a team. No one stars. We always have four or five guys out there who can

score, and more who can come off the bench," Scheller explained.

Another big advantage for the Vikes was the combination of seniors Dirk Chilian, Clayton Pullins, Macchi Rodriguez and junior Matt Harrington for a very strong midfield, according to Scheller.

Highlighting the season for the Vikes were two important victories over schools they had never beaten previously. The Vikes topped Hammond Morton with a score of 4-2 and dominated rival Lake Central by a total of 4-1. "That's a real accomplishment. Neither of those teams are push-overs," Scheller said.

"Overall, we've had a pretty good season. The players have motivated themselves and stayed healthy," concluded Scheller. "They played better than I expected. This year has been a pleasant surprise."

by Matt Jankowski



SENIOR JASON FREITAG drives to score a goal against Lake Central in the second-half of the game. Freitag was a third year team member.

READY TO DEFEND his team, senior Clayton Pullins sets up to stand his position. Pullins was a second-year team member.



USE OF TEAMWORK enables freshman Jason Taylor and senior Jeff Sensenbaugh to outsmart their Lake Central opponent.

IN A GAME at Ben Franklin, senior team member Justin Gericke races against his Lake Central opponents for the ball.



TENNIS

Netters post 15-4 season

The girls' varsity tennis team realized early in its season that life is full of ups and downs. After a string of seven consecutive victories, the girls suffered an unexpected loss in a key meet.

The team's goal of capturing the Duneland Conference title fell through after losing to Portage, 1-4.

"We played well, but Portage was a lot stronger than we expected them to be," said Head Coach Tim Shideler.

"We misjudged the line-up," said junior singles player Heather Mallett. "Our goal after losing to Portage was then to beat them in sectionals."

Team strengths were at the number one singles position with junior Sharon Dorris and at the top doubles team of Kelly Zimmerman and Katie Wittlinger, both seniors with varsity experience.

On the other hand, a weakness was the lack of team depth and inexperience due to injured players, a list which included sophomore Kelly Van Rosendale for much of

the season.

In spite of these problems, Shideler noted the enthusiasm of his players, claiming that this enthusiasm was "the glue of the team during the rough times."

"After a controversial match against Lake Central, the team's morale was down a little," stated Shideler. "But soon afterwards the girls were back in full form," he added.

Throughout the season, the VHS squad's toughest competitors were Munster, Crown Point, and conference rival LaPorte. Valpo surprised a tough Crown Point team, defeating them with a 3-2 win.

The junior varsity squad, headed by Frank Saikley had an undefeated season in both conference and non-conference matches.

"I felt that the girls have really done well. Maybe even better than we expected," said Saikley. "They are a good group of hard workers."

by Shelley McMurtrey
and Jill Bodensteiner



"We were all pleased with our successful season — but we wish we could have beaten Portage and Culver."

— Julia Betjemann



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Karen Reynolds, Karen Carichoff, Heather Mallett, Trish Landstrom, Julia Betjemann. Back

Row: Coach Tim Shideler, Kim Wright, Sharon Dorris, Kelly Zimmerman, Katie Wittlinger, Kelly VanRosendale.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

Season Record: 15-4

Lowell	W
Crown Point	W
Andean	W
Lake Central	W
Calumet	W
Logansport Tournrey	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	L
Highland	W
LaPorte	W
Culver	L
Hobart	W
Merrillville	W
Culver Tournrey	W/L
Chesterton	W
Munster	W
SECTIONALS	W/L

NUMBER ONE SINGLES player Sharon Dorris unleashes a backhand against her Highland opponent. Dorris, a junior, provided consistent play at her position all year.

WITH A LOOK of determination on her face, senior Katie Wittlinger follows through on a shot.



JUNIOR KIM WRIGHT prepares to return a forehand during a Valpo victory. Wright played doubles for the team during much of the season.

GIRLS' J.V. TENNIS
Season Record: 14-0

Lowell	W
Crown Point	W
Andean	W
Lake Central	W
Calumet	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Highland	W
LaPorte	W
Culver	W
Hobart	W
Merrillville	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	W



GIRLS' J.V. TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Alexis Abbott, Kristi Hager, Lisa Precourt, Marie Macapagal, Jeanne Kim. Back Row: Coach Frank Sackley, Jennifer Mutka, Melissa Conde, Cindy Haughton, Jennifer Stevens, Stacey Janasiak.

"We had a lot of new people, so we weren't sure how we'd do. But we just kept winning."

— Cindy Haughton

BOYS' GOLF

Better performance demands dedication

"Fuel-injected, German engineered cars, including Porsche, Audi, Mercedes Benz, BMW and ..."

The mere mention of German cars probably catches the attention of people who are interested in traveling at unreasonable speeds. The people who don't know much about cars, however, probably yawn until their jaws ached after reading the first three words.

Like most hobbies, golf is something in which you're either interested or you're not. Every hobby has its own following of interested people, but it is often difficult to organize them into a club or league.

"Our first goal every year is just to have a golf team," said Coach Bob Cain. "Whether we lose every match, or go undefeated, I think it is a worthwhile pursuit to have

the experience of being on a team. We have been very fortunate in the past to have enough interested students to form a team every year," he added.

The increased enrollment at VHS had its effects on the golf team.

"In years past, we've usually had two or three excellent players, and enough players that could hold their own to fill up the rest of the line-up. This year, we've been especially fortunate, because we've got five or six top-notch golfers. At the start of the season, I sincerely thought that we had a chance to go undefeated through sectionals. Unfortunately, we caught a couple of bad days on conference matches early in the season, and lost a couple. At any rate, there is no doubt that we have a fine team here," said Cain.

The season's highlight was cap-

turing a first at the Rensselaer Invitational. Sixteen teams competed at this annual match.

The team will have a second chance to go undefeated next year, because only one of the five varsity lettermen is graduating, and eight of the fourteen members of the team are either freshmen or sophomores.

Varsity players were decided on a match to match basis, with the top five scorers from the previous match playing varsity on the next match.

The heart of the team consisted of Bob Risk, Paul Ventura, Chip Martin, and Todd Price, along with Dan Frye, one of two seniors on the team. Others who played in varsity matches were Jason Kreiger, Daenen Badie, and Lance Lemon.

by Pete Speckhard

SENIOR DAN FRYE adds points toward another VHS victory by sinking the golf ball. Frye received the low 9 Hole Medalist trophy.

"We worked hard in practice, and that really showed results."

— Paul Ventura



BOYS' GOLF TEAM — Front Row: Scott Graley, Bruce Gilliam, Paul Ventura, Jim Ailes, Dan Frye, Mark Michelsen. Back Row: Coach Bob

Cain, Lance Lemon, Chip Martin, Dainen Badie, Jason Krieger, Bob Risk, Todd Price. Not Pictured: Frank Spanopoulos.

BOYS' VARSITY GOLF

Season Record: 19-4

Portage/Chesterton	W/W
M.C. Rogers/Portage	W/L
Chesterton/LaPorte	W/W
M.C. Marq/Chesterton	W/W
M'ville/Hobart	L/W
Boone Grove/R. Forest	W/W
Hobart/M.C. Rogers	W/L
Rensselaer Inv.	W
Munster	W
LaPorte/M'ville	W/W
Andrean/Boone Grove	W/W
Lake Central Inv.	2nd
M.C. Elston	W/L
SECTIONALS	W



BOB RISK, JUNIOR, works intently to drive the ball out of the sand trap. He was named the team's M.V.P. and was also voted M.V.P. in the Duneland Conference selections.



DURING PRACTICE, Paul Ventura, a third-year team member, concentrates on a putt.



BOYS' VARSITY GOLF coach Bob Cain works on tallying the scores of his golfers at a home meet.



AT FOOTBALL GAMES and other athletic events, VHS students filled an impressively large section of the bleachers. During times like these, we enjoyed being **FACES IN THE CROWD.**



Faces in the Crowd

With the dramatic increase in the VHS population, every aspect of our lives changed for "the bigger." We had bigger classes, bigger clubs and bigger teams.

Another major change we saw was in our weekend entertainment. Sock hops were moved from the north balcony to the main gym floor due to the ever-increasing attendance figures. In addition to this, we saw two other exciting sock hop trendsetters — B.E.R.G.A.S.H., Drama Club's "Biggest Ever Record Giveaway and Sock Hop," and Student Council's Bon Jovi concert ticket raffle at a sock hop benefiting the Humane Society.

Through events like these, we let people know that VHS was bigger than ever. Whether we were maneuvering through a crowded hallway, lunch room or parking lot, we wanted people to know who we were. We wanted to be more than **FACES IN THE CROWD.**

by Karen Mutka

Seniors

STEVEN JOSEPH AARDEMA — choir 2-4; swing choir 2, 3.
 ALANE ELIZABETH ABBOTT — FCA 2; FEC 2-4; pep club 2; SADD 2-4; V-Teens 2, 3; intramural tennis 2, 3; intramural skiing 3.
 DANA LYNN ABEL — SADD 3.
 JASON RICHARD ABEL — FEC 4; gaming club 2; junior achievement 2, 3 (v. pres.).
 TERESA MARIE ACRES — DECA 2 (v. pres.); SADD 4.



Graduates provide input

Although senioritis is known to cause apathy, students in the class of 1987 did not feel this side effect as heavily as in other years. Thanks to the work of the senior class officers, they played a major role in planning their graduation ceremony.

"For the first year ever, the students took control over graduation. We planned everything from baccalaureate to the speeches that were given," explained president Larry Wright.

Wright, along with vice president Carolyn Miller, secretary Mary Latridis, and treasurer Mychel Macapagal worked to form a VHS graduation committee consisting of parents, faculty and students. This group used the input they received from the members of the senior class to make the necessary decisions.

"The class participation was great - we got a lot of ideas from the seniors. They did

a good job of telling us what they did and did not want, and that was a great help to the committee," said Miller.

Wright agreed, adding, "We have had 100 percent input from the students on graduation, and that has been great." In addition to graduation, the officers were in charge of buying and presenting the class gift, which was a granite marquee for Valparaíso High School. Dr. David Bess, principal, helped the officers with their many duties, including such tasks as money making. Much of this money, which was needed primarily for the class gift and graduation, was left over from the 1986 prom. Seniors also raised money through soc-hops and a car wash.

"A lot of times it is hard for students to speak up and have their opinions considered," said Wright. "Our goal was to make graduation and the other activities more of a class thing. In the end, we just wanted to have the best year possible for the seniors."

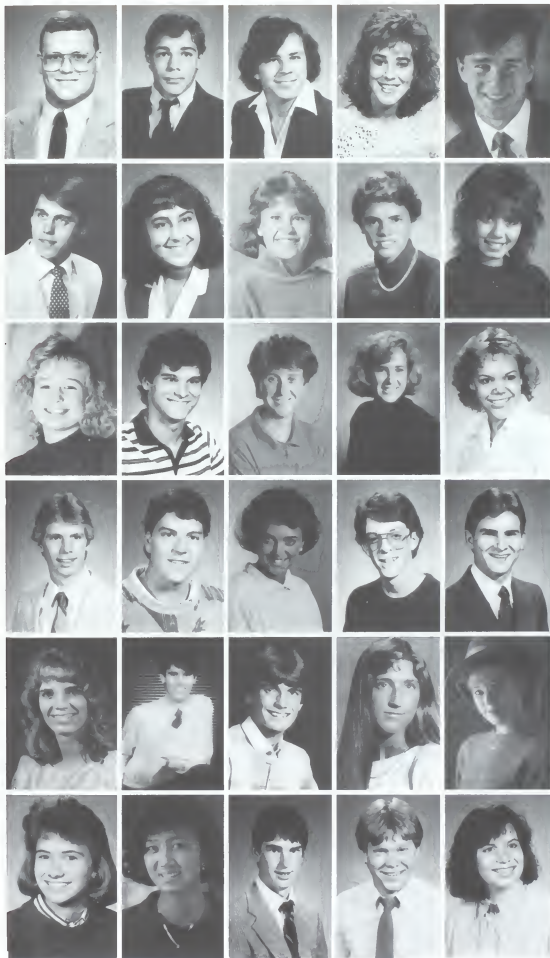
SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS - Mychel Macapagal, secretary; Mary latridis, treasurer; Carolyn Miller, vice president; Larry Wright, president.

by Jill Bodensteiner

JEFFREY PAUL ADNEY — FEC 3, 4; (v. pres.) swimming 2-4 (capt.).
 KIMBERLY JEAN AHLGRIM — FEC 2, 3.
 DANIEL WILLIAM ALEXA — FEC 3, 4; baseball 2; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural tennis 2-4; German club 3.
 JOEL MARK AMBELANG — band 2-4; pep band 2; swimming 2-4; soccer 2-4.
 KIM L. AMBELANG — drama 2-4; swimming 2.

CRAIG JOSEPH ANDERSON — band 2-4; FEC 2, 3; jazz ensemble 2-4; NHS 4; VALPO 4.
 TIMOTHY ALAN ATHA — FEC 4; SADD 3; football 3.
 CHRISTOPHER D. BALLA — intramural basketball 2; tennis 2; German club 3.
 AMY LOU BARBER — band 2-4; OEA 4 (v. pres.); pep band 2-4; SADD 3, 4; studio band 2-4; weightlifting 3.
 KENNETH RAY BARFELL — football 2-4; track 2-4; intramural basketball 3.





MICHAEL JOHN BARONE — class officer 3 (v. pres.); NHS 3, 4 (v. pres.); student council 2-4 (v. pres.); stu. fac. senate 4; Valenian 3; weightlifting 2-4; football 2-4 (capt.); track 2-4.

VINCENT THOMAS BARTELO — weightlifting 3, 4; football 3, 4; wrestling 2-4.

KEITH A. BEAVER

CATHY BEHRMAN

STEVE W. BEISER — band 2; class officer 2 (v. pres.); FEC 2-4; NHS 4; student council 2-4; wrestling 2-4; soccer 2-4; cross-country 2.

BRIAN WALTER BENEDICT — FCA 4; FEC 3, 4; (board member); swimming 2-4 (capt.).

DEBBIE ANN BENJAMIN

CATHLEEN ANN BERNARDI — NHS 3, 4; pep club 2, 3; student council 3; VALPO 4; swimming 2-4 (capt. 4).

JULIA LYNN BETJEMANN — band 2; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; student council 4 (sec.); VALPO 4; tennis 2-4.

MARY MARTHA BIELICH — FEC 2-4 (sec.); student council 2-4 (pres.); Viking Press 4; softball 2, 3; homecoming queen.

PATRICIA ELIZABETH BIRD — drama 2-4 (sec. hist.); FEC 2, 3; thespian 3, 4; swimming 2; boys' swim team mgr. 2-4.

JOHN P. BLUMENTHAL

JILL RENEE BODENSTEINER — FCA 2-4 (treas. 4); FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; VALPO 4; Valenian 4; YARC 2-3; basketball 2-4.

JULIE MELISSA BOWEN — FCA 2, 3; FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; student council 2-4; basketball 2; track 3.

OLENDA LEE BRADLEY — FEC 3; pep club 3; Vikettes 2, 3.

ALLAN CHRISTOPHER BRANDY — track 3, 4; intramural volleyball 3, 4.

CHRIS ALAN BRICKLEY — SADD 4; intramural basketball 3, 4; intramural volleyball 2-4.

NANCY ANN BROOKS — band 2, 3; drama 3; FCA 3; FEC 2; pep club 2, 3; football trainer 4.

MICHAEL CHARLES BROWN

ERIC JOHNATHAN BULS — FEC 3; intramural basketball 4.

STEPHANIE ANN BURRIS — FEC 2-4; NHS 4; SADD 2.

DENNISE BUTLER — FEC 2, 3; weightlifting 2-4; YARC 3; football 2.

SEAN BYVOETS — class officer 2-4; FEC 2-4; student council 3, 4; weightlifting 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural skiing 2-4.

MARIAN LEE CAMPBELL — FEC 3, 4.

RACHEL RENEE CAREY — FEC 3, 4; pep club 3.

KAREN LYNN CARICHOFF — cheerleading 2; FCA 3; FEC 3, 4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 3, 4; tennis 3, 4.

JEWEL LOURDES CARLOS — band 2, 3; FEC 2-4; NHS 4; SADD 4; v-teens 3, 4 (sec.); intramural volleyball 2-4.

JAMES LEE CARMICHAEL — intramural basketball 2-4.

JOEL ALLEN CARMICHAEL — Valenian 4 (photog.).

STACEY ANNE CARMONA — drama 2; FEC 2-4; SADD 2; vikettes 3, 4 (squad leader 4).

Seniors

MARCIE CARROLL

SCOTT E. CASTLE — weightlifting 2-4; football 2-4; intramural basketball 4.
JINJIN LINNEA CHARON — dom. exchange 3; FCA 2; FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; student council 2, 3; v-teens 3; volleyball 2; intramural tennis 2, 4.
VICKI LYNN CHESTER — FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4; YARC 2; swimming manager 2-4.
DIRK CHILIAN — FEC 2-4 (board member); student council 2-4 (representative); soccer 2-4 (capt.).

LAURA LYNN CHOATE — drama 2-4; FEC 3, 4; pep club 2; SADD 3, 4; vikettes 2-4 (co-capt.); YARC 2.

VICKI JANINE CIFALDI
MELISSA CLEIS — band 2, 3; FEC 2-4; SADD 2, 3; student council 2, 3; v-teens 3, 4 (public spokesperson).
CHAD ALAN CLIFFORD — choir 2-4; swing choir 2-4.

LYNNEA I. COLE — band 2-4; FCA 2-4; pep club 2-4; SADD 2-4; softball 2-4; basketball 2.

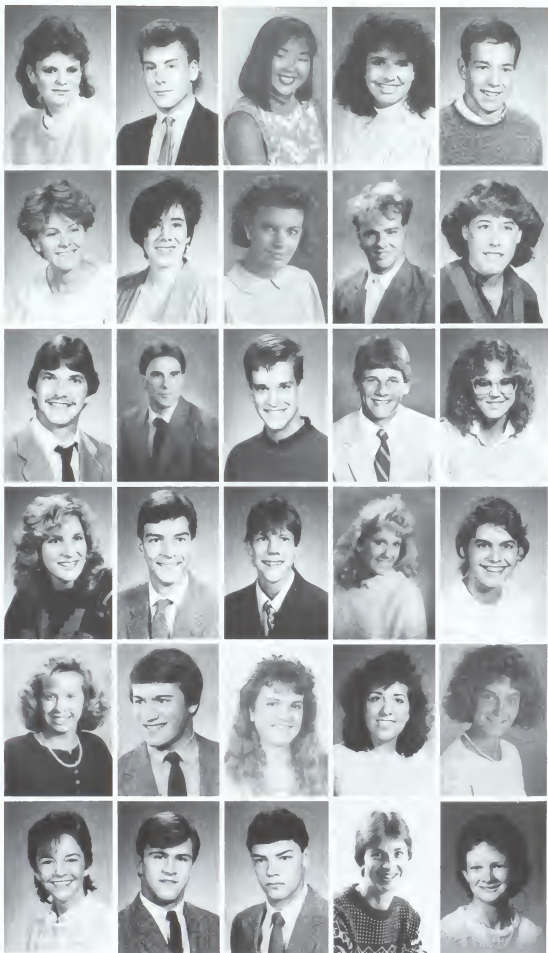
MIKE EUGENE COLLINS — weightlifting 2; football 2; intramural basketball 4.
BRUCE DOUGLAS CONDIE — FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; intramural basketball 2-4.
MARK CHRISTOPHER CONDON — drama 2-4 (sec. 4); NHS 3, 4; thespian 3, 4.
MIKE D. COOK — weightlifting 4; varsity baseball 3, 4; JV baseball 2; intramural basketball 2-4.
REBECCA JOAN CORNEIL — DECA 2, 4.

TIFFANY JOAN CORNEIL — FEC 3; pep club 2; SADD 3; Vikettes 2, 3.
MIKAL F. CROWDER — band 2-4; diving team 2-4.

JEFFREY A. CROWE — YARC 3, 4; intramural basketball 4.
JENNIFER L. CUPPY — cheerleading 2; FCA 2; FEC 2-4; pep club 2-4; SADD 2-4; swimming 3, 4; intramural volleyball 2-4.
ELIZABETH ANN CUSON — choir 2-4; drama 4; NHS 3, 4; swing choir 2-4; VALPO 4.

GAIL MARIE CYZYK — FEC 2-4; swimming 2-4.
DAVID C. DEFLER — wrestling 2-4; football 2-4.
DAWN RENEE DEMAN — pep club 2; SADD 4; gymnastics 2-4.
ANDREA LYNN DENNIS — FEC 3; SADD 2-4; intramural skiing 2, 3.
LISA HELENE DIMITRI — FEC 2, 3; volleyball 2; track 2, 3; basketball 2, 3.

LESLIE ANN DINGWALL — v-teens 2; skiing 3.
DAVID M. DOELLING — FCA 2; weightlifting 4; football 2-4; wrestling 2, 3; soccer 2, 4.
DWIGHT DAVID DOLD — FEC 2; NHS 4; SADD 4; swimming 2-4; intramural cross country, water polo 2-4.
JAMES ARCHIBALD DOOLITTLE — Dom. exchange 4; gaming club 2-4.
WANDA ANNE DOUGHERTY — FEC 3, 4.





KARLA JILL DROEGE — band 3; drama 2-4 (v. pres.); NHS 4; Thespian 3, 4; boys' swimming mgr. 2-4.
BOB L. DUCAT — choir 2-4; drama 4; gaming club 2; SADD 4; swing choir 2-4.
DAVID S. EICHBERGER — academic decathlon 4; math team 2-4; NHS 3, 4; intramural skiing 2, 3.
DANIEL JAY EICHMEIRE — baseball 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4.
ESTHER EKELMANS — drama 4; FEC 4; v-teens 4; intramural skiing 4.

JULIE KAY ELKINS — choir 4; drama 4.
MARLENE GAY EKLINS — 3, 4; NHS 3.
ROBERT WILLIAM EMERSON — class officer 2 (pres.); student council 2, 4; intramural basketball 2-4.
MINDY SUZANNE ENGEL — DECA 2, 4.
AMY LYNN ERSPAMER — band 2, 3; FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 4; track 2, 3; intramural tennis 2; intramural volleyball 3, 4.

Seniors meet politics face to face

While most of us spend our summers working or going to the beach, eight Valparaiso High School students experienced different things.

These eight students were chosen as Boys' and Girls' State Delegates. The students were selected on the basis of their academic ability, leadership qualities, and interest in government. The American Legion, Elks, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs sponsored the program.

State Delegates representing VHS included Andrea Dennis, Dusty Hamacher, Melissa Hutton, Jeff Leffew, Karen Mutka, Brett Polizotto, John Tapp, and Troy Zulich.

In essence, according to Dusty Hamacher, the program was to give students a better understanding about how the government works.

"Each floor of the dormitories represented a 'city'. Each 'city' had its own public officials, laws, and municipal problems," explained Jeff Leffew.

According to Hamacher, "If you didn't follow the laws of your floor, you were arrested and the sheriff would punish you."

One example of the mock problems each 'city' was given was the 'Zorks.'

"Zorks" were birds that were on the endangered list. The problem was that the only place the 'Zorks' would mate was on the highway. Cars would hit them and so the species was dying fast. Our 'city' had to fig-

ure out a way to deal with the problem and prevent the extinction of 'Zorks,'" added Leffew.

The State Police also played a role in the program. They had demonstrations set of things that happen in cities that are dealt with by the police.

"The State Police had something planned for us every day. They did everything from blowing up cars to teargassing us. The teargas was pretty scary. I remember people falling down and how bad my eyes burned. It was also a little hard to breath," said Leffew.

"Hoosier Girls' State made me realize that it's not always the best candidate who wins, but how well his officials bargain for that office," said Dennis, a delegate. According to Dennis, if two county chairmen got together and discovered that one county had a candidate seeking the office of Attorney General and the other had a candidate seeking the Lt. Governor's office, they might agree to form a pact and support each other's candidates. She added that before the candidates even got a chance to present their ideas, whether they be good or bad, they might already have extra support.

The program takes place every year at Indiana State University.

by Chris Seroczynski



HOOSIER BOYS' AND Girls' State Delegates — Front Row: Karen Mutka, Brett Polizotto, Melissa Hutton. Back Row: Jeff Leffew, John Tapp, Troy Zulich, Dusty Hamacher.

Seniors

Rock bands take note

Success ... very few people know the meaning of the word, truly. Most people never even come in contact with the true meaning of it. Three bands at VHS not only know its meaning, but also how it feels and what it takes to get there. "This Dream Alice," "Digital Hair," and "Astral Zombies" have received a taste of success and are just waiting for the right moment to dig in and eat.

"This Dream Alice," made up of senior Craig Anderson, and VHS graduates Benjamin Utley and Kelly Brant, began in 1983 as a band called "Control."

"After many musical and psychological changes we find the reorganized, less industrial, more dark psychedelic 'This Dream Alice,'" explained the group.

The band has played at many universities and clubs this year, including Valparaiso University, DePaul University, the No-Bar, and the Cabaret Metro in Chicago. According to Anderson, they are expecting to frequent many more clubs and recording studios in the near future.

PRISONER'S PERCUSSIONIST GARY Nova plays during a concert at the American Legion in Highland, Indiana.

"Digital Hair" is "a high energy, new wave rock band" consisting of seniors Paul Gold and Chad Clifford, and VHS graduates Rick Allen, Bill Day, and Mike Moore. The group is the product of a merger between two well-known past VHS bands: "Visions" and "The Happy Bunch."

In August 1986, Digital Hair took a promotional trip to Nashville, Tennessee to speak with publishing and recording companies.

"Astral Zombies," a VHS band originally known as "Blue Elvis," is just getting its foot in the door to the music world. Since May 1986, "Astral Zombies" has undergone many personnel changes and has only recently come up with a steady line-up. The group includes senior Andrew Griffin, VU student George Pavel, and VHS graduate Alan Luckett.

In February 1987 at Valparaiso University, the group gave its first sell-out, standing-room-only show.

While each of these bands admits to "starting small," through their hard efforts they are rapidly growing into VHS success stories.

by Jennifer Mitol

ELIZABETH LYNN ETZLER — FCA 2-4; band 2; FFC 2-4; student council 2-3; weightlifting 2.
SUSAN SVETA EVANOFF — FCA 2; FEC 2-4; OEA 4; pep club 2-3.
TERESA DIANE FANCHER
VICTORIA LYNN FARNUM — choir 4; studio band 4; v-teens 3,4; VICA 4.
BILL ALLEN FENGREN — VICA 2-4; basketball 2-4; golf 3,4.

MELISSA LISETTE FINLAY — drama 2; FEC 4; Vikettes 3; swimming 2.
JIM ARTHUR FISK — golf 3; baseball 2,4.
ANNE M. FLETCHER — FEC 2-4; pep club 3; Thespians 4; JV swimming manager 3.
SUZANNE HELEN FOLKE — FEC 2-4; jazz ensemble 3,4; NHS 3,4; track 2,4.
JODI REA FRAILEY — FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4; Student council 2-4.

GREGORY DAVID FRAME — gaming club 3.
CHRISTINE NOELLE FRANK — choir 3,4; dom. exc. 3,4; student fac. senate 4.
JASON AARON FREITAG — FEC 2,4; NHS 3,4 (sec. 4); student council 2; VALPO 4; Valenian 3; soccer 2-4.
SCOTT RANDALL FRITTS — SADD 3,4; wrestling 4; golf 4.
DANIEL KEITH FRYE — academic decathlon 4; NHS 3,4; golf 2-4; tennis 2-4; basketball manager 2.





DIGITAL HAIR members — Front Row: seniors Chad Clifford, Paul Gold. Back Row: VHS graduates Rick Allen, Bill Day, Mike Moore. (Photo by Dave Doelling)



BRYAN JOSEPH FULLER — VICA 2-4 (sec. 4); weightlifting 4; football 3,4; baseball 2; track 4.

KELLIE JO GANT — DECA 3,4.

VINCENT NOEL GAST — FEC 4.

DOUGLAS DEAN GERBER — FEC 4; tennis 2-4 (capt.).

JUSTIN DOUGLAS GERICKE — academic decath. 4; acad. super bowl 4; band 2; FEC 2-4; v-teens 4; Valenian 3; cross country 2; soccer 2-4.

BETH ANN GIVEN — FEC 2,3; math team 2-4.

PAUL S. GOLD — SADD 4; tennis 2; JV baseball 2; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural football 2.

CHAD JOSEPH GOODWIN

TAMATHA J. GOODWIN — YARC 2-4 (treas.).

RONALD LEE GRAHAM — FCA 2,3; football manager 3; football sports info. director 4; basketball manager 2-4.

CHRIS D. GREGORY — choir 4; YARC 4; football 4.

ANDREW PAUL GRIFFIN — class officer 3 (treas.); FEC 2,3; student council 2,3; swing choir 2,3; VICA 2-4; soccer 3.

NICHOLAS LEE GRIFFIN — intramural basketball 4.

KRISTIN GROSS

KENNETH EDWARD GROVES — DECA 3,4.

Seniors

JOSEPH G. HADLEY
JENNIFER ELIZABETH HALL — band 2,3;
FEC 2-4; NHS 2-4; student council 2,3;
YARC 2,3; swimming 3.
DUSTIN EUGENE HAMACHER — FEC 2-4;
NHS 3,4 (sec.); student council 2,3; stu.
fac. senate 4 (v. pres.); Viking Press 2,4;
swimming 2-4; soccer 2-4.
TODD ALLEN HANCOCK — SADD 3,4;
student council 3; weightlifting 4; track 2-4.
AMY S. HARDEBECK — drama 4; FEC 2-4;
speech team 3,4; intramural skiing 2,3.



DONNA LEE HARDICK — FEC 2-4; pep
club 2,3; Valenian 4.
GERALD DOUGLAS HARDIN
MICHAEL R. HARTIG — SADD 4; VICA 4.
LESLEY ANNE HAUGH — choir 2; class officer
3; swing choir 2; weightlifting 2;
swimming 3.
ROBERT HAYWARD



SCOTT ROBERT HENDERSON — intramural
basketball 2-4.
KRISTA KAY HENSON — intramural basketball
2,3.
KARIN JEANETTE HERRICK — band 2-4;
drama 2,3; FEC 2-4; NHS 3,4; VALPO 4;
weightlifting 4.
JOHN F. HIGUET
JACK ALLEN HINES — baseball 2-4.



JESSICA HOFFERTH
MARY KATHLEEN HOFFERTH — FCA 2-4;
FEC 2-4; Valenian 3; Viking Press 3; volleyball
2,3; basketball 2,3.
AMY MARIE HOFTIEZER — dom. exchange
3; drama 3; FEC 2-4; math team 2-4;
orchestra 2,3; SADD 2,4; v-teens 2-4; Viking
Press 2.
TERESA KAY HOLLANDSWORTH — OEA
4 (pres.)
LOREN JEFFEREY HUCK — band 2-4; jazz
ensemble 3,4; studio band 2; cross country
2-4; track 2,4



MELISSA MARIE HUTTON — band 2,3;
FCA 3,4; FEC 2-4 (treas.); SADD 3,4; student
council 2,3; stu. fac. senate 4; VALPO
4.
MARY P. IATRIDS — class officer 2,4;
FEC 2-4; NHS 3,4; SADD 3,4; student council
2-4 (sec. 4); tennis 2,3.
MASAKI ISHIHARA — band 4; FEC 4.
BRUCE JAMES JAHR — intramural basketball
2.
ANGELA CHRISTINE JANKOWSKI —
OEA 4; SADD 3; YARC 3.



NILLA SUSANNA JARVINEN — choir 4;
FCA 4; FEC 4; intramural skiing 4; intramural
tennis 4.
JANA JASNIC — FEC 2,3; pep club 2.
MARK A. JONES — band 2-4; jazz ensemble
2; NHS 3,4; cross-country 2-4; basketball
2-4; track 2-4.
CHRISTINE DIANE KALINA — drama 3;
FEC 3,4; NHS 3,4; orchestra 2-4.
KAYE ANNE KELLER — FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4;
volleyball 2,3; basketball 2,3.





LORETTA LYNN KENNEY — band 2-4; FEC 2-4; math team 2,3; NHS 3, 4; Valenian 3; Viking Press 2-4 (managing editor 4).
 CHIHOMI KIKUSHIMA — FEC 4.
 DANIEL MARK KLINEINST
 MICHELE MARIE KLINEFELTER — band 2-4; drama 3, 4; FEC 2, 4; studio band 2,3; Vikettes 2-4.
 GREG S. KNIGHT — band 2-4; drama 3; jazz ensemble 2-4; pep band 2,3; studio band 2,3.

Skip school or exams?

Let's blow-off second semester! We've already been accepted to college, so who cares about grades? I'm not even going to study for second semester exams!

Seniors had a chance to be excused from second semester final exams if they met the guidelines that the Student/Faculty Senate recently established.

According to Melissa Hutton, Student/Faculty Senate president and initiator of the exam plan, the plan was to encourage good attendance, continued good scholarship, and to promote a positive attitude among second semester seniors.

Students earned the "privilege" of not taking the exams by accumulating a total of eight points, Hutton explained. Second semester nine-week grades are added together. An "A" earns four points, a "B" earns three points, and a "C" earns two points. If the points totaled eight, students were exempt from taking the final exams.

Attendance was also an important factor in determining eligibility. Each absence

counted against the students.

No absences during the second semester earn four points. One absence earned two points. If a student had more than one absence, no points were received.

The Attendance Office will be the official record holder. Missing any period during the day counted as a day's absence.

A truancy made a student ineligible.

Field trips sponsored by VHS were not considered absences, said Hutton. College days, doctor's appointments, and illnesses however, were considered absences.

Tardies did not effect attendance, although they may have effected grades. If five tardies were received in any given class, the school policy stated that the teacher has the option to lower the grade, explained Dr. David Bess, principal.

by Stacey Stonebraker

DISCUSSING THE NEW senior exam policy are Joe Martz, the secretary of Student/Faculty Senate, and Melissa Hutton, president.



KERRI KAY KNOERNSCHILD — FEC 2,3; speech team 2-4; football trainer 4.
 JILL ELLEN KOETKE — drama 2; FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 4; V-teens 3, 4; VALPO 4; YARC 2-4; volleyball 2-4 (co-capt. 4).
 MELANIE ANNE KOLCZAK — band 2,3; FEC 2-4; v-teens 2,3.
 WILLIAM NICHOLAS KOPKO — intramural basketball 4.
 MICHELLE JEANNINE KRALL — choir 2-4; pep club 2-3; SADD 2; track 2-4.

KATHRYN RENEE KRAMER — FEC 2-4; SADD 4; intramural skiing 4.
 DARIN ALAN KUCHAES — track 2-4; intramural volleyball 4.
 ELIZABETH ANN KUEBLER — academic super bowl 4; drama 2-4; FCA 4; speech team 4.
 CHARLENE ANN KUEHL — FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 3; v-teens 3, 4.
 LAURA MARIE KUEHL — FEC 4.

Seniors

Earning more than just recognition

Success comes to those who wait.

Several months after taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT'S), four Valparaiso High School seniors were named finalists in the 1987 Merit Scholarship Competition, sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

They were: Suzanne Folke, Karin Herrick, Loretta Kenney and John Nuechterlein.

These finalists were eligible for Merit scholarships offered by corporations, foundations, colleges, universities and other organizations. The students had to meet each organization's criteria in order to obtain a scholarship from it. Those students chosen could receive anywhere from \$250 to \$2,000 to help pay college costs.

According to Folke, "Making it from semifinalist to finalist was the easy part. Actually getting the money will be the hard part."

In the fall of their junior year, the students entered the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, the qualifying test for the merit program. The top scorers in each state were selected as semifinalists.

In order to be considered for a Merit Scholarship, the semifinalists first qualified to be finalists. Requisites included academic performance, recommendations from their school and results on the SAT to prove their performance.

Making it to a semifinalist standing itself was quite an honor according to Miss Elaine Bever, guidance counselor. Bever said that only one-half of one percent of students entering the competition make it to the semifinalist standing.

Out of 90 percent of the semifinalists who meet finalist qualifications, only 40 percent will receive this finalist recognition.

Suzanne Folke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Folke, was in the Foreign Exchange Club, played piano for the Jazz Band and was a member of the Track Team for three years. She was All-conference her sophomore by placing sixth in the 300-meter hurdles. Folke would like to study biological sciences.

Karin Herrick was involved in the Drama Club and was a four-year band member. She also placed in a regional French contest. She would like to study English and creative

writing. Herrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Herrick.

Loretta Kenney, daughter of Roger Kenney and Elva Giddings, was in band for four years and was named to Indiana's All-State Band twice. She was also the managing editor of the Viking Press, and a foreign exchange student to Holland last summer. Kenney would like to study economics and international business.

John Nuechterlein, who was the lead guitarist and songwriter for a local group and chairman of Immanuel Lutheran Youth-Adult Committee, was undecided in what he would like to study, but he was interested in engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nuechterlein.

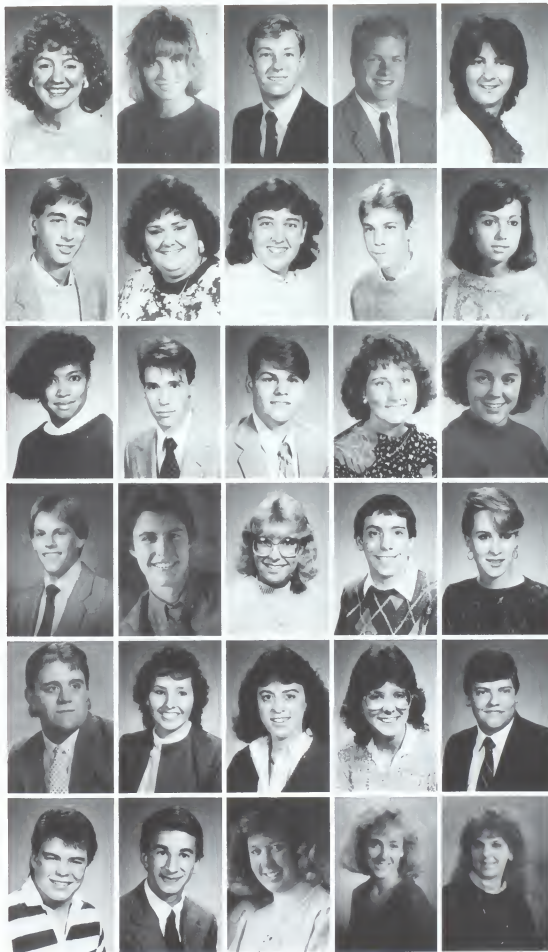
Because of limited finances, less than half of the 13,000 nationwide finalists receive scholarships. Herrick and Kenney were named as two recipients of these funds.

Those VHS students receiving Semifinalist commendations included: Craig Anderson, Stephanie Burris, Jason Freitag, Melissa Hutton, Joseph Martz and Karen Mutka.

by Stacey Stonebraker

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS — Loretta Kenney, Susie Folke, Karen Herrick, John Nuechterlein.





MICHELLE MARIE LAMBERT — FCA 3, 4; FEC 2-4; YARC 2-4; volleyball 2-4; exploratory teaching 4.
JENNIFER LYNN LAMONT — FEC 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; cross country 2.
BURTON VICTOR LARGURA — FEC 2-4; student council 4; swimming 3, 4; intramural volleyball 2-4.
JEFF C. LEFFEW — DECA 2-4; drama 4; SADD 2-4; YARC 2-4; football 2-4; wrestling 2; track 2, 4; cheerleader 3, 4.
CINDY J. LEIB — band 2-4.

LANCE DELL LEMON — band 2-4; SADD 3; studio band 2; golf 2-4.
ALLISON L. LENNET — choir 2-4; DECA 3; SADD 4.
TERI LYN LIBASSI — FEC 2-4; v-teens 2, 3.
AARON BRADLEY LONG — SADD 2; student council 2, 3; intramural tennis 2, 3; intramural basketball 3.
KIMBERLY SUE LOOFT — FEC 2-4; pep club 2; v-teens 4; track 2; cross-country 3; spell bowl 4.

MYCHEL LYNN MADRILEJO MACAPAGAL — class officer 4 (treas.); FEC 2-4; SADD 2, 3; student council 2, 3; cross country 2.
KEVIN MATT THEW MACK — wrestling 3. RANDY LEE MACEY — intramural basketball 2.
TAMARA LYNN MAHONEY — academic decathlon 4; academic super bowl 2-4; FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; student council 2, 3; basketball 2; volleyball 2.
MARTHA LEE MAIERS — FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; orchestra 3; pep club 2, 3; stu. fac. senate 2-4; VALPO 2; track 2.

MITCHELL DONALD MARCUS — weightlifting 3, 4; baseball 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4.
JOSEPH DELANOY MARTZ — academic super bowl 4; drama 3, 4; gaming club 2; NHS 3, 4; speech team 4; stu. fac. senate 4; VALPO 4.
STACEY LYNN MARTZ — FEC 2, 3.
SCOTT MASSON
BETH ELLEN MASTERS — FEC 2, 3; orchestra 2; Vikettes 2-4.

MARK ANDREW MATHER
MARCIA ANN MAUPIN
TRACEY ANNE MCALEER — cheerleading 2, 4; dom. exchange 4; FEC 4; pep club 2-4; SADD 4; track 4; intramural volleyball 2, 4; girls' basketball manager 4.
KATHLEEN LOUISE MCALLISTER — YARC 2; J.A. 2.
GREG MCCOLLY

THOMAS JOSEPH MCDERMOTT — cheerleading 3, 4; FEC 4; SADD 3, 4; weightlifting 2-4; football 4.
TIMOTHY RICHARD MCDONALD — drama 2, 3; FEC 4; student council 4.
TONIA SUE MCINN — FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 3, 4; Vikettes 2-4.
SHELLEY LYNN MCMURTREY — FCA 2-4 (sec. 4); FEC 2-4; Valenian 4; volleyball 2-4.
PAIGE ELIZABETH MCNULTY — FEC 2-4; pep club 2; student council 2, 3; weightlifting 3, 4; YARC 2-4; golf 2-4.

Seniors

PATRICK FRANCIS MCQUILLAN — FEC 4; intramural skiing 2, 3; intramural tennis 2, 3.

ALYSON RENEE MILLER — band 2-4; FEC 2, 3; pep band 2, 3; SADD 4; v-teens 3, 4; CAROLYN ANN MILLER — band 2-4; class officer 4 (v. pres.); FCA 2-4; jazz ensemble 2-4; NHS 3, 4; student council 3, 4; stu. fac. senate 4; YARC 2-4; basketball 2, 3.

KEVIN EUGENE MILLER — OEA 4.

MARIA LISA MILLER — FEC 2-4; Vikesettes 2-4.

TIM MILLER

TODD ALAN MILLER — choir 2-4; drama 2-4; swing choir 2-4; track 3, 4.

DEANNA LYNN MINGS

COLLEEN MARIE MITCHELL — choir 2-4; FEC 3; NHS 3, 4; swing choir 2-4; v-teens 3.

JEFF MITCHELL

SHANNON JOSEPH MONROE

ELIZABETH ALICE MOODY — FEC 4; orchestra 2, 3.

MATTHEW DWAIN MORRIS — track 2-4.

BOB J. MORRISON — NHS 4; SADD 2-4; track 2-4; intramural volleyball 4; intramural skiing 2, 3.

AMY JO MUELLER — FCA 4; FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; basketball 2; intramural volleyball 2-4.

JULI RENNE MULLETT — FEC 2-4; orchestra 2-4.

DANIEL BRENDAN MURPHY — FCA 2-4; weightlifting 2-4; baseball 2-4; football 2, 3.

KELLY MARIE MURPHY — band 2; FEC 2, 3; student council 3.

KAREN RENEE MUTKA — band 2, 3; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; stu. fac. senate 4; Valenian 3, 4 (editor 4); Viking Press 2, 3; tennis 2.

J. TIMOTHY NAY — OEA 4; stu. fac. senate 4; soccer 3.

ANN NEAL — FEC 2; SADD 2, 3; v-teens 2; swimming 2; softball 4.

DAN JAMES NEWLIN — SADD 2-4; weightlifting 3, 4.

DOUGLAS R. NEWLIN

MARK NOLAN

MICKEY NOLAN — track 2, 4.

JOHN DAVID NUECHTERLEIN — intramural tennis 2; intramural basketball 3, 4.

BONNI SUZANNE NUEST — cheerleading 2-4; FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 3, 4; intramural volleyball 3, 4.

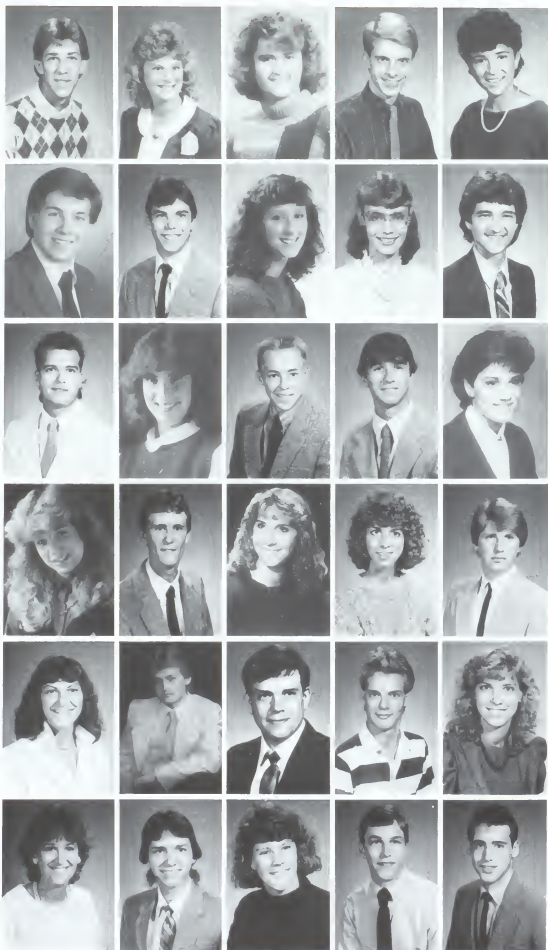
CATHERINE SUE NUSBAUM — FEC 2-4; SADD 2, 3.

BRYAN J. O'KELLY

JULIE LYNN OESTREICH — FEC 2; YARC 2.

STANLEY JOHN OLLING — band 3, 4; jazz ensemble 3, 4; NHS 4; pep band 3.

JEFFERY DAVID OSTERHOUT — cheerleading 3, 4; track 2, 3; baseball 2, 3; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 4.



Valedictorian decided in photo finish

Using his mastermind, James Bond, agent 007, solved the greatest crimes of the century. In a similar manner, Valedictorian Martha Maiers, with a G.P.A. of 4.282, and Salutatorian Melissa Hutton, 4.275 G.P.A., used their "masterminds" throughout high school.

The typical stereotype of the "bookworm" did not apply to these girls. Obviously, they did not get to the top of their class by never cracking a book, but both spent their spare time involved in several extra curricular activities.

Maiers was a member of Student Council, 4H, and intramurals. In addition, she was president of the Foreign Exchange Club and National Honor Society, as well as a summer exchange student to Switzerland after her junior year. In the fall, Maiers will attend Gustavus Adolphus University in St. Peter, Minnesota. She plans to major in international studies.

Hutton was member of the National Honor Society, jazz band, intramurals, president of Student Faculty Senate, and treasurer of the Foreign Exchange Club. She plans

to attend either the University of Notre Dame or Stanford University to study chemical engineering combined with liberal arts.

Other top ten members included: Loretta Kenney, 4.219; Suzanne Folke, 4.211; Linda Varela, 4.195; Dan Frye, 4.162; Jason Freitag, 4.158; Karin Herrick, 4.143; Caty Bernardi, 4.139; and Cory Pingatore, 4.101.

by Shelley McMurtrey

AS PART OF their duties as valedictorian and salutatorian, Martha Maiers and Melissa Hutton, went over plans for graduation with Dr. David Bess, principal.



CHRISTOPHER J. PAGE — weightlifting 2-4; baseball 2-4.
BRIAN C. PARIS — intramural volleyball 4.
TAMMY PARKER
JAIPAL SINGH PATHIJA — FEC 2-4; math team 2; quiz bowl 3, 4; v-teens 3, 4; tennis 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4.
KELLY SHANNON PATRICK — FEC 3, 4; SADD 4; VICA 4 (v. pres.).



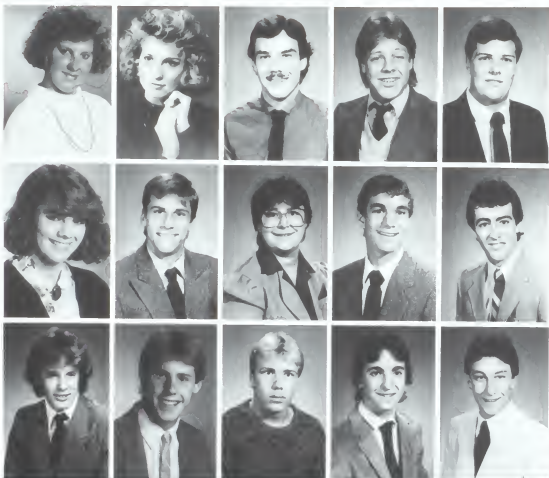
JERKY CHRIST PAVELKA
JENNIFER LYNN PEDAVOLI — pep club 2; SADD 3, 4; wrestling manager 2-4.
RIMMERLY ANN PENCE — FEC 2; Vickettes 2, 3.
RHONDA L. PESSMEG — speech team 3; VICA 4.
DEANA JEAN PETERSON — DECA 3, 4.

Seniors

MAUREEN ELIZABETH PETRO — DECA 4 (sec.); FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 2-4; ANNE MARIE PHILLIS — drama 2, 3; FEC 2, 3; SADD 2; YARC 2, 3; MICHAEL D. PHIPPS — choir 3; DECA 3, 4; drama 2; TROY ALAN PIKULA — weightlifting 2, 3; wrestling 2, 3; STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER PILZ — band 2-4; FEC 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; pep band 2, 4.

CORINNE LEE PINGATORE — class officer 2, 3; FCA 2-4; NHS 3, 4; student council 2, 3; v-teens 3, 4 (tres. 4); VALPO 4; JOHN PISHKUR — SADD 4; baseball 2-4; football 2-4; TAMMY JEAN PITTMAN; BRETT HOWELL POLIZOTTO — FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3-4; student council 2, 4; cross country 2-4; track 2-4; BOB W. PORTER — baseball 2-4; football 3.

THOMAS LEE PROUD; CLAYTON J. PULLINS — soccer 2-4; TIMOTHY MICHAEL QUILEN; BRADLEY SCOTT RANDALL; PETE L. RANS — FEC 2; basketball 2; intramural basketball 3, 4.



They taste the authority

Anyone who has ever been to a professional sports game knows how some people take a contest. Paraphernalia of every shape, size, and color can be seen everywhere. The colors of the opposing teams seem to clash with more violence than the teams themselves. All kinds of gimmicks can be bought from peddlers for outrageous prices, but everybody buys them anyway, because they get caught up in the fun.

Just when everybody is having a really good time, however, some spoilsport will inevitably say, "It's only a game." The hardcore fans then pelt this cynic with peanuts and empty pop cans.

Student Government Day is a game that people take very seriously at VHS.

In the week before the voting, huge signs for both the Green party and the White party dominate the halls, as selected seniors compete for the privilege of going downtown for a day, and working in city hall.

The candidates this year were no exception. As usual, nobody was above bribing for votes, maligning the opposition and making promises. It was just like real politics.

"We try to make this thing as realistic as

possible for the students, and I think this year was an excellent example of how Student Government Day should work," said Mr. Martin Miller, social studies teacher. "Some years there was nobody really interested, and the candidates with the most friends won. This year, the kids seemed to pay attention to how the candidates were conducting their campaign, and that is how it's supposed to be," he added.

"It was a lot more fun than I expected. I always used to think things like this were boring, but this year I really got into it," said Green party candidate Jeff Leffew, who was elected mayor.

"Even though we didn't get to make any real decisions when we were 'in office' we learned a lot about politics in general while we were downtown," said Bryan Truitt, precursor.

Even the people who lost learned about running. And who knows? Someday, if the United States has a President Leffew, VHS students will know where he got started.

by Pete Speckhard



STUDENT VOTING ON Government Day was made as realistic as possible for seniors. Katie Hofferth casts her ballot at the voting booth during lunch.



PAULA JO REANEY — band 2-4; Valenian 4; Viking Press 4.
WILLIAM CHARLES RESHKIN — academic super bowl 4; gaming club 2; VALPO 4; intramural volleyball 3, 4.
KIMBERLY KAREEN REYNOLDS
DAN R. RICE — football 2-4; basketball 2-4; track 2-4.
MICHELLE MARIE RISK — drama 2-4; FEC 2-4; student council 2; v-teens 2, 3; basketball 2-4; track 2, 3.



SUSAN LYNN ROBERTS — choir 2-4; FEC 4; stu. fac. senate 4; Vikettes 3, 4; Viking Press 4.
DANIEL JAMES ROBINSON — weightlifting 4.
DENISE ANN ROBINSON — drama 3, 4; stu. fac. senate 4; VALPO 2-4; YARC 3, 4.
MACHI RODRIGUEZ — FCA 4; FEC 4; soccer 4.
SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ — FCA 4; FEC 4; tennis 4; swimming and diving 4; soccer 4.



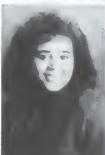
JEFF DAVID RONCO — choir 2-4; swing choir 3, 4.
MARK RICHARD RUPNOW — FEC 2; NHS 4; intramural basketball 2.
REBECCA ANN RUSHNOK — cheerleading 4; FEC 2, 3; pep club 2, 3; SADD 2-4.
AMY JEAN SANFORD — drama 4; FEC 2-4; SADD 3, 4; Valenian 3, 4; intramural skiing 4.
CHRIS SARAFIN



ANNE ELIZABETH SATTERLEE — pep club 2-4; track 2; intramural volleyball 3, 4.
SCOTT J. SCHNECKENBURGER
JIM AL SCHROEDER
TRICIA ANN SCHULTZ — OEA 4; pep club 2; SADD 2.
MARK SCIME



THOMAS SCOTT
PRUDENCE SEARLES — drama 4; FEC 2-4; pep club 3, 4; track 3, 4.
CHRISTINE MICHELLE SELIGMAN — drama 4; speech team 3.
JEFFREY SENSENBAUGH — FEC 2; student council 2, 3; soccer 2-4; basketball 2; football 3, 4.
CHRISTINA MARIE SEROCZYNSKI — FCA 4; FEC 2-4; Valenian 4; Viking Press 3, 4; boys' varsity track, stats manager 2-4; cross country stats 4.



JENNIFER LYNN SEWARD — choir 2-4; drama 2; FEC 2-4; v-teens 2.
SHERRY R. SHERRICK
IVY DENISE SHIELDS — pep club 2, 3; SADD 3; Vikettes 2, 3.
BOB K. SHINALL — weightlifting 2-4; football 2-4; basketball 2; intramural volleyball 4.
JULIE MARIE SHOOK — band 2, 3; FEC 2-4; student council 2, 3; intramural volleyball 4.

Seniors

AMY ELIZABETH SHURTE — FEC 3; pep club 3; powder puff football 3.
LORI LYNN SIER — cheerleading 2; FCA 2, 3; FEC 2, 3; pep club 2, 3; SADD 3, 4; student council 4; Valenian 4; track 2-4; cross-country 4; intramural volleyball 3, 4; homecoming princess.
LEE K. SIMPSON — track 4.
LYNNE MARIE SINCLAIR — FEC 2; quiz bowl 2; Vikettes 3.
MARK S. SIROVICA — band 2-4; FEC 2; intramural basketball 4.

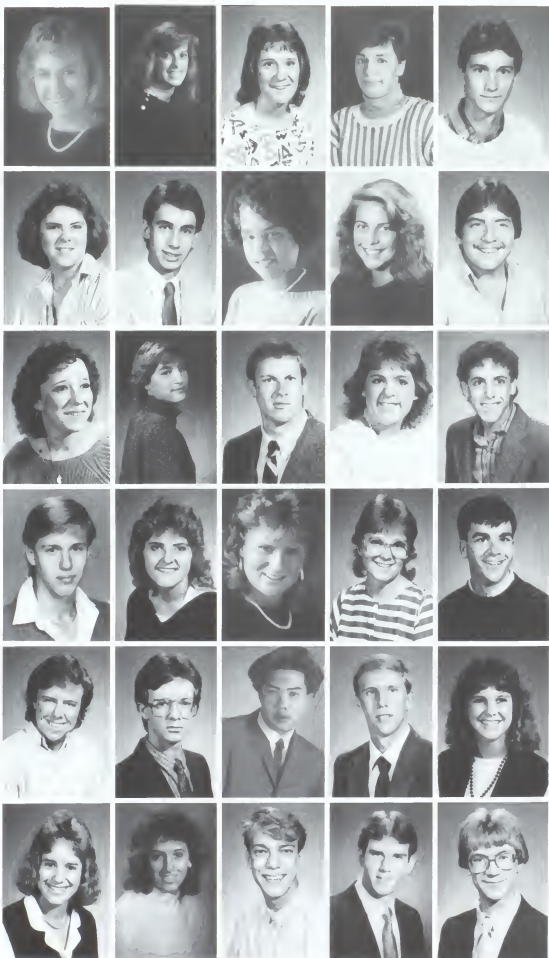
MELISSA R. SISSON — DECA 4; FEC 2, 3; quiz bowl 2, 3; intramural volleyball 4.
CHRISTOPHER J. SKRIVAN — FEC 2; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-4.
DESIREE DEANNE SMAROFF — FEC 4; pep club 3; swimming 2.
JILL SMITH — FCA 2, 4; FEC 2-4; basketball 2-4; volleyball 2-4.
MICHAEL SMITH

MICHELLE SMITH
TRICIA SUZANNE SMITH — FEC 3, 4; pep club 3; Vikettes 2, 3; powder puff football 3, 4.
DANIEL SCOTT SPENCER — cheerleading 3; choir 4; FCA 2, 3; weightlifting 2-4; football 2-4; track 2-4; basketball 2; intramural volleyball 2.
KIMBERLY ANNE STANLEY — FEC 2-4; pep band 2, 3; SADD 2-4; student council 2.
PATRICK ROSS STARESINA — choir 2-4.

JOHN R. STEIDER — tennis 2; intramural basketball 3.
RHONDA JEAN STINNETT — VICA 4.
STACEY MARIE STONEBRAKER — FEC 2-4; pep club 2, 3; speech team 2; student council 2, 3; Viking Press 4; YARC 2-4; intramural volleyball 4.
KELLI REA STOWERS — choir 2-4.
PAUL CURRY STRATTON — academic decathlon 3, 4; FCA 2-4; quiz bowl 4; student council 4; baseball 2-4; intramural basketball 2, 3; intramural tennis 4.

JODY LYNN SUSENDORF — FCA 2-4; FEC 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; student council 2; YARC 2-4; softball 2-4; volleyball 2-4; basketball 2.
MIKE CHARLES SZYMANSKI — drama 2-4; Viking Press 2-4.
TIMOTHY SZE-WEI TAN — FEC 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; quiz bowl 4; v-teens 3, 4; tennis 2-4; soccer 3.
JOHN A. TAPP — FEC 3; SADD 2, 4; basketball 2-4; football 2-4.
JACQUELYN ANN TAYLOR — FEC 3, 4; pep band 2, 3; SADD 3, 4; gymnastics 2, 3.

LEANNE RENEE THOMAS — FEC 2, 4; pep club 2, 3; SADD 3; football manager 2-4; wrestling manager 2, 4; softball 3, 4; intramural volleyball 2; intramural bowling 2.
PAMELA ERIN TIMMONS — FEC 3; pep club 3; swimming 2-4.
ANDREW WALTER TROELSEN — drama 4.
MICHAEL SCOTT TROMAN — FEC 2; basketball 2-4; football 3, 4; intramural volleyball 2.
THEODORE ALBERT TROST — band 2-4; jazz ensemble 2-4; math team 2-4; NHS 3-4; orchestra 2; pep band 2-4.



Spring: break away for a week in paradise

"SENIOR SPRING BREAK"

This phrase is likely to send vivid images racing through the minds of high school students. Whether these images represent "the best vacation of my life," "the most cultural experience of my life," or "the week of my senior year in which I was forced against my will to spend a week with my parents," as many students said, some sort of image will appear.

While planning the spectacular week which began on March 27, 1987, many things had to be taken into consideration: weather, the cost of the excursion, and most importantly, members of the opposite sex.

"Sun and good-looking guys were my two major priorities," explained senior Tammy Mahoney.

Others realized that even though they were seniors, "beggars couldn't be choosers." Most students, including senior Mark Jones, said that they wanted to be "As far away from Valpo as we could afford to go."

Kim Looft agreed, "I really didn't care

where I went. I just wanted to go anywhere but Valpo."

After the planning was done, all that was required was waiting until 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27. That was, of course, for those seniors who actually decided to "tough it out" that long.

When school let out on that day, student activities usually fell into one of the following categories: loading up the car for that two-day, non-stop drive; heading to the airport to catch a plane; or boarding the school bus and anticipating that wonderful week at home.

"We headed to the grocery store to stock up for our 26 hour trip," explained senior Michelle Lambert.

After hours of travel and settling into a hotel, spring break really began. Students who traveled to the south experienced the fun and sun of the warmer states. Those who went to Europe witnessed the excitement of a different country and its culture.

"Every day coffee woke us, then we laid

on a crowded beach all day and stayed out until the A.M. Then we started all over again," said senior Jennifer Cuppy.

"We spent our days lying by the pool with our sweats on," said Jill Bodensteiner.

And the lucky ones who got to stay home, well . . .

"I slept, watched TV, ate, worked, tried to go anywhere but home, and then slept again," explained Jackie Taylor.

As the final days of vacation rolled around, the depression set in. However, most students had fond memories of their week off.

"It was fun, exhausting, exciting, beautiful, and fabulous," said Liz Etzler about her trip to England. "We saw so much in so little time. I can't wait until I can go back again and do it all over again."

by Shelley McMurtrey

TAKING A BREAK from their busy performance schedule, members of A band soak up the sun in California during Spring Break.



Seniors

Far beyond the basics

Learning to play a musical instrument is usually a discouraging experience. At your first lesson, you often play nothing but a series of strange noises that make your dog's hair stand on end. Your music teacher offers words of encouragement, but his face betrays his inner feeling of 'how did I get into this?'

In the same way, first-year foreign language students usually butcher the new sounds beyond recognition. When they repeat the short sentences after their teacher, they sound like a herd of grunting farm animals.

The foreign language student, just as a musician, slowly improves. Although the students spend a long time while getting familiar with the basics of the language, by the fourth year, their speech is like music to the teacher's ear.

"We spend the first three years going through two grammar books. By the end of the third year, we expect the students to be fairly fluent, so we can concentrate on culture. A good portion of the fourth year is spent reading a German novel, seeing films, and talking about the customs. The entire class is conducted completely in German," Mr. Lew Rhinehart, fourth-year German teacher said.

"It takes a lot to stick with something like this for four years. Learning a new language is never easy. By the time students reach their fourth year, most of the people who aren't really interested get weeded out. It makes it more fun to teach when the

students want to learn and aren't just there to fill up their schedule," Mr. Charles Geiss, French and Spanish instructor, said.

Many people wonder why taking a foreign language is so important. Many colleges require a foreign language, and others strongly recommend that students take one.

"Taking a foreign language is important for any number of reasons. Many jobs involve other countries, especially since most big companies are going international. You can't market something to people who don't speak your language," Geiss said.

"It is almost impossible to understand a foreign culture without speaking the language. Much of the feeling about foreign books and plays is lost in the translation. The only way to really understand something is to read it in the language it was written in," Rhinehart said.

Another good aspect of taking a foreign language is merely the experience of learning in a new way.

The whole process is completely different when learning a second language.

"People who take a language in high school usually go on to do better in college than other students. This is because the whole learning process involved with a different language carries over to all aspects of learning," said Geiss.

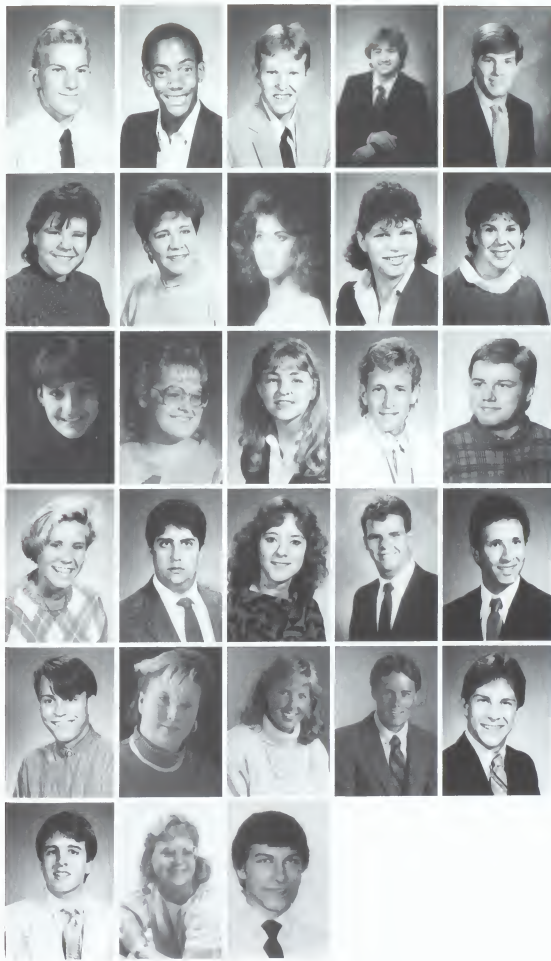
"It would be nice if everyone had the experience of going four years in a foreign language class," said Rhinehart.

by Pete Speckhard

BRYAN MITCHELL TRUITT — academic decathalon 3, 4; academic super bowl 4; FCA 2; FEC 3, 4; quiz bowl 2, 4; SADD 3; speech team 4; stu. fac. senate 4; v-teens 3, 4; track 2, 3; intramural tennis 2, 4.
HUONG THI TRUONG — FEC 4.
JANET MARIE ULM
DAPHNE ROSE URGINO — choir 4; FEC 4; swing choir 4.
ANGELA ALEXANDRIA VANDERWIJST — FEC 3, 4; SADD 4.

LINDA MARIE VARELA — FCA 2, 3; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 4; VALPO 4; volleyball 2; intramural volleyball 4.
KRISTIN MICHELE VENDL — FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 4; gymnastics 2-4.
ELIZABETH ANN VERSTEEG — band 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; v-teens 2-4; VALPO 4; tennis 2.
KELLY VINTON
EDWARD R. VOLK — track 2-4; intramural 2, 3.





BRYAN CHRISTOPHER WAISANEN — wrestling 3.
CHARLES HENRY WALKER — basketball 3; intramural basketball 2, 4.
JOHN W. WALSH — weightlifting 2, 4; football 2-4; wrestling 2-4; track 2.
ROBERT SCOTT WARD — track 3; football 2.
DAN PATRICK WELSH — FEC 4; SADD 3, 4; football 3; intramural volleyball 4.

TAMMY MARIE WHALLS — band 2-4; FEC 2; Vikettes 2-4.
KAREN LOUISE WHEELER — FEC 2; NHS 4; YARC 4.
KRISTIN RENEE WHEELER — band 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 4; pep club 2; student council 2, 3.
AIMEE K. WHITE — drama 4; student council 2; swim team 2-4.
JULIE MARIE WHITE — choir 2-4.

CHERI L. WHITLER — FEC 2, 3; track 2.
DENISE MARIE WIENKE
SHELLEY LYNN WILGUS — FEC 2-4; pep club 3; SADD 3, 4.
SHAWN LELAND WILL — football 4.
JASON WILLIS

KATIE JANE WITTLINGER — dom. exchange 3; FCA 2; FEC 2-4; SADD 2; student council 4; tennis 2-4.
JOSHUA M. WOLFE — basketball 4.
MELISSA WOODARD
LAWRENCE MATTHEW WRIGHT — class officer 3, 4; DECA 4; student council 3, 4; weightlifting 2-4; baseball 2; football 2-4.
PETER GUS VELKOVAC — academic super bowl 4; dom. exchange 3; drama 2-4 (pres. 4); NHS 3, 4; speech team 3, 4 (pres. 3); Thespians 3, 4; Valenian 4, Viking Press 2-4 (editor, 4); Stu. Fac. Sen. 3, 4.

STEPHEN MARK YOUNG — VICA 4.
HEIDI I. ZIERZ — FEC 2-4; Vikettes 2, 3.
KELLY LYNN ZIMMERMAN — FCA 3; FEC 2; pep club 2, 3; tennis 2-4.
THOMAS B. ZIMMERMAN — baseball 2; golf 3, 4.
TROY MICHAEL ZULICH — FCA 2-4; wrestling 2-4.

PHILIP G. ZWEIF — FEC 2, 3; student council 2; basketball 2-4; tennis 2, 3.
YVONNE RAZUS — Vikettes 2-4.
JAMES SCHROEDER

If the responsibilities of the junior class officers could be summed up in a word, it would be . . .

"Prom," said Kim Sovich, junior class treasurer. "Juniors are prom."

Year after year, the junior class officers have devoted countless extra hours to planning all aspects of prom, including the theme, decorations, fundraisers, and most importantly, where it will be held. But this year, unlike previous years, the freshmen made a contribution to prom funds, although they were unable to attend prom.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Cindy Haughton, treasurer; Kim Wright, vice president; Stacey Gengo, president; Kim Sovich, secretary.

"With so many more people, we have more money than in past years," stated secretary Kim Wright, "The more money the better," she added.

This year's fundraisers for prom included sock-hops, a car wash, and computer dating. Students filled out a questionnaire in homeroom and later paid \$1.50 for the results, which revealed each student's "perfect mates" at VHS.

"There are always so many people left out," said Cindy Haughton, junior class vice president. "We would like to develop some activities that would involve everyone to help unite our class."

by Shelley McMurtrey

Adkins, Barbara
Agnew, Todd
Aicher, Wendy
Ailes, Kris
Alexander, Kenneth
Alexander, Shannon
Alexander, Sharon
Allen, Kim



Anderson, Shelby
Andrews, Sarah
Andrick, Donna
Anslem, Jeff
Antommaria, Angela
Armstrong, Scott
Arnold, Jim
Atha, Kris



Atkinson, Cheryl
Baker, Amy
Baker, David
Baldwin, Missy
Ball, Kermitt
Barker, Jeff
Barker, Jennifer
Barnes, Robert



Beach, Jeff
Bean, Michael
Beeg, Erica
Benke, Brian
Bennett, Jill
Bernier, Wendy
Bettis, Shannon
Betz, Pam



Beveridge, Ted
Bihlman, Scott
Bird, Richard
Birky, Kevin
Blake, Mike
Bland, Erin
Boguslawski, Ann
Bolde, Mark





Bonjean, Jeni
Borchertmeyer, John
Bottos, Audrey
Bottos, Mike
Bowley, Angie
Brady, Kathleen
Brennan, Karen
Bretzinger, Brian

Brietlich, Karen
Brobeck, Kathleen
Brobeck, Mike
Brown, Cathy
Brown, William
Brubaker, John
Bruce, Mark
Bruder, Lori

Bryant, Jennifer
Bubik, Melissa
Bucher, Mike
Buchmeyer, Matt
Buck, Carrie
Bupp, Tamey
Burk, Lori
Campbell, Kelly

Campbell, Scott
Carlson, Tara
Carmichael, Jeff
Carrell, Dan
Carter, Jean
Carter, Tammy
Casbon, Carissa
Casbon, Jason

Casbon, Kristin
Casto, Carole
Cavanaugh, Brad
Clark, Jamie
Clausen, John
Cleaveland, Darin
Cline, Jon
Coates, Stacy

Colby, Damon
Cole, Chris
Cole, Laura
Collins, Kris
Condie, Lara
Conrick, Melissa
Copsy, Joe
Crawford, Kathleen

Crownover, Missi
Curtis, Jennifer
Czap, Stacie
Daxe, Jeff
Dennington, Jeff
Dennis, Holly
Deuruck, Jason
Deuberry, Julie

Doelling, Amy
Dolhove, Sue
Donner, Jennifer
Doolittle, Cole
Dorris, Sharon
Dowd, Chris
Dres, Gus
Dufallo, Mark

Dygart, Jeff
Eberhardt, Laurie
Edgington, Ed
Ehlers, Lucille
Ehlers, Roger
Eichberger, Christa
Eichhorn, Melinda
Ellsworth, Scott



Engel, Jeff
Eppie, Lisa
Erdelac, Dana
Esslinger, Christine
Evans, Eric
Evans, Marcia
Evans, Sarah
Evans, Stacey



Fausner, Diana
Fayard, Michelle
Federman, Allen
Ferguson, Troy
Fetla, Ken
Fiegle, Thomas
Fierst, Heather
Fischer, Bret



Fischer, Sarah
Fisher, Mark
Fitzpatrick, William
Fletcher, Christopher
Fletcher, Julie
Flynn, Beth
Forker, Erin
Forsythe, Scott



Fortune, Corey
Foster, Joe
Frangis, Angi
Frey, Carl
Frobish, Karen
Fuller, Janet
Gamblin, Karen
Gast, Steve



Gear, Curt
Geer, Camie
Gengo, Stacey
Gerzema, Joe
Gill, Debbie
Gilliam, Jeff
Godby, Lorna
Goldstine, Mark



Gorski, Magdaline
Gott, Kim
Gray, Tonya
Groark, April
Grote, Mike
Hagstrom, Joanna
Hamacher, Marc
Hamilton, Christine



Hamilton, Kathryn
Harbison, William
Harper, Jesse
Harrington, Matthew
Hartwig, Kristin
Hathaway, Michael
Haughton, Cynthia
Heath, Jeff



Grace under pressure

When an artist paints a picture, he does not have to show it to anybody until he is satisfied with it. If he makes a mistake, he can try to fix, or he can start all over again.

If he is a performing artist, however, he must learn to act under pressure.

"When everyone is watching you, you'd better play it right, because you're not going to get another chance," said violinist Wolfgang Tsoutsouris, a junior at VHS. "That is why most people get involved with other kinds of art, so that they never really have to perform in front of people. It's just different, that's all," he added.

"You really have to practice a lot, or you'll never get very good, no matter how much natural talent you have. Only practice can keep you from choking in front of an audience," said junior Michelle Fayard, a dancer who studies ballet, jazz, tap, and acrobatics.

Tsoutsouris practices the violin up to three hours a day, and Fayard regularly practices four hours a day in order to stay competitive in their respective fields of study. Both take lessons once a week; Michelle at the Lin Knight Dance Center in Valparaiso, and Wolfgang at Northwestern University in Chicago.

"Getting started is the hard part. My parents started me when I was three, but I really wanted to be good, so I stuck to it,"

UP IN HIS room after school, junior Wolfgang Tsoutsouris practices a new piece in preparation for his next lesson.

said Fayard.

"I have been playing since I was four. There have been times when I felt like quitting, but I'm really glad I didn't. Now it seems like it was all worth it," said Tsoutsouris.

One advantage to involvement in the performing arts is that there is demand for live entertainers; more so than there is for other artists.

"I've done several plays at the Bridge-Vu theater, and I was in an MTV video that aired about two years ago for a group called Marshall Law. I'm hoping to do an anti-drug series with CBS. Nothing is definite, and I would only be a small part of it, but any exposure helps," said Fayard.

"You can make some decent money if you work at it hard enough. I had a solo spot for a children's show at the Holiday Star that made some money, and I've played at many weddings and things that sometimes really pay well. It's all a matter of practice and exposure," said Tsoutsouris.

Most people have hobbies, but for the performing artist, a hobby can be turned into something more.

"Playing the violin is a lot more than something I do in my spare time. It is a major part of my life. If I don't make a career of it, it will still be there," said Tsoutsouris.

"I think there is a good chance that I'll make a career of dancing," said Fayard. "I love to dance, and that's what counts," she added.

by Pete Speckhard



Hebert, Tom
Heinold, Mindy
Heinze, Ted
Henderson, Jennifer
Hendrickson, Tammy
Henriques, Stephanie
Hensel, Tina
Herma, Jackie

Herma, John
Hersemann, Susan
Higbie, Jenny
Highlan, Jodi
Highland, Laura
Hilzley, John
Hofferth, Elizabeth
Homan, Lori

Hood, Jeff
Horsley, Clarke
Horton, Jodi
Horton, John
Hoskins, Laura
Howard, Jennifer
Howe, Shannon
Huttinger, Jeff

Hutton, Tony
Ilgenfritz, Jody
Jankowski, Jim
Jeselskis, Tom
Jewell, Jason
Johann, Andy
Johnson, Justin
Johnson, Laura



Johnson, Sara
Johnson, Steve
Johnson, Tricia
Johnston, James
Jones, Colleen
Jones, Kevin
Jones, Neallie
Jordan, Lori



Justak, Todd
Kellogg, Heidi
Kelly, David
Kennedy, Paul
Kerley, Ann
Kickbush, Katrina
Kim, Jeanne
King, Tony



Kinsey, Heather
Kirk, Susan
Klemz, Doug
Klett, Heidi
Klinedinst, Todd
Kovalick, Kurt
Krayniak, Michelle
Kroeger, Paul





Krysinski, Matt
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Kuhnle, Joseph
Kush, Matt
Lainer, Penny
Landstrom, Tricia
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Largura, Susanne

Larue, Daniele
Law, Joanna
Lawrence, Rob
Leach, Donna
Leetz, Mark
Leib, Wendy
Lemmon, Robert
Letnich, Tony

Leverich, Lori
Lewert, Tracie
Lewandowski, Kerry
Lewis, Jeff
Lin, Jeff
Litzkow, Julianne
Looft, Gretchen
MacKeller, Eileen

Mack, Jason
MacLennan, Sara
Madden, Stacey
Magnetti, Robert
Maiders, Lora
Mallett, Heather
Mannel, Stephanie
Manning, Tom

SATs: a measurement that counts

From the moment following birth, we are tested and measured in just about every aspect of our lives. Newborn babies are given the AGPAR test on reflexes and awareness, and from then on, doctors measure weight, height, and pulse rate. P.E. instructors test strength, speed and endurance, and grades are given in school from kindergarten on up. No matter what we do, somebody is standing there with a clipboard, recording things like eyesight, hearing, and the results of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills.

Most of us don't worry too much about all of these tests. For juniors, however, the Scholastic Aptitude Test is a measurement that really counts.

"My S.A.T. score will probably decide if I can go to college out of state or not. I'm waiting for the results before I send in my applications," said junior Sarah Andrews.

"I'm kind of apprehensive about taking the S.A.T.'s because I keep thinking to myself, 'what if I have a terrible day and score really low?'" said junior Kathleen Brady.

LOOKING OVER the bulletin board in the guidance office for information on colleges are juniors Steve Williams and Heidi Klett.

Many juniors take the S.A.T. in October or November, but it is offered again in the Spring.

"I took it in the fall so that I could take it again in the Spring if my score needed some improvement. Some people took the P.S.A.T. for practice, but I figure, why not practice with the real thing? It can't hurt," said junior Wolfgang Tsoutsouris.

According to the guidance office, about half to two thirds of the students who take the S.A.T. take it again in the Spring of their junior year or the Fall of their senior year. Most colleges want applications sent in at the end of the student's junior year.

Over all, VHS students score higher than the national average, but the S.A.T. score is not the only thing that universities look for.

"High S.A.T. scores can't take the place of four years of high school. Therefore, most colleges will first consider grade point average, choice of classes, and class rank. The S.A.T. becomes important when either acceptance into the school or scholarship money is in question," said Mr. Don Dick guidance director.

"I worry about the S.A.T. because I

maintain my GPA by studying and getting the homework done. I'm not a very good test-taker. I'm going to need scholarship money to go to a good school, so I'll have to do well on my S.A.T.," said junior Heidi Klett.

Once the S.A.T. is taken, the next step is choosing a college. The major considerations for this are usually academics and money.

"People always talk about getting away from home, and how their campus and dorm rooms have to be a certain way, but when you get down to really making the choice, it's all a matter of how good a school you can get into with your grades, and how much it costs," said junior Steve Williams.

Since in-state schools cost less, nine of the top ten schools that last year's seniors said they were considering are in Indiana.

"I probably could have done better if I would have been able to stay awake. I know the test was important, but by the third section, I was dead," said junior Heather Fierst.

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Juniors

Marimon, Jill
Marshall, Anne Marie
Martin, Meghan
Massa, Missy
Matthews, Cindy
McBride, Kellie
McCuddy, Sherri
McDermott, Kelley



McGill, Shelley
McLane, Fred
McLean, Lisa
McGuillan, Ellen
Meeker, Jamie
Melion, Frank
Meyers, Tammy
Miller, Chris



Rivalry and friendship

What do the letter S, the year 1970, and the number 4 have in common? All these things have to do with 8 juniors at VHS. These are descriptions of the VHS' 4 sets of twins — the Sovichs, Shurrs, Scholls, and the Sniders — all born in 1970.

When twins walk down the street together, they are often the victims of staring eyes, pointing fingers and little questions and comments like "Aren't they cute?", "How many minutes apart were you?", and the clincher: "Are you twins?" These students agreed that through all this, parents often made the situation much worse, unknowingly.

"Our parents used to dress us in the same outfits, but in different colors," said junior Kathy Sovich. "It was 'okay' until about third grade, and then I started to get a little embarrassed."

A dictionary definition of a twin is "identical." With identical twins, the obvious resemblance is there, but the word "identical" may not be the best adjective to describe them.

TRACK TEAM MEMBERS enjoy a little healthy competition. Twins Stephen and Stephanie Snyder warm up with the shot-put.

"I concentrate more on my schoolwork while Susan concentrates more on boys," stated Barbara Shurr. "I sometimes have to act like a mother and be her conscience."

"Healthy competition between brothers and sisters once in a while is a normal part of life.

"We are always competing with each other for boys, grades, weight... just about everything," said Kim Sovich.

"One time we liked the same guy, and he ended up liking her," added Kathy Sovich. "I couldn't understand why because we look the same."

"That is where our difference in personality came in."

Because twins see each other both in and out of school, sometimes they are bound to become tired of each other. In spite of this, all the twins agreed that one advantage to being a twin is that there is always someone there to share problems with, laugh with, and confide in."

"Sometimes you just have to take a walk to get away from each other," said Kim Sovich, "but we really do get along pretty well, We're best friends."

by Shelley McMurtrey

Miller, Dave
Miller, Teri
Mitol, Jennifer
Monrone, John
Mooney, Jackie
Mooney, Kristen
Moore, Jeff
Moraes, Denise



Morgan, Carl
Mueller, Steven
Murphy, Tara
Mutka, Sarah
Nagel, Heidi
Newkirk, April
Newlin, John
Newsom, Scott





Norris, Jennie
Nover, Bret
Oestreich, Michele
Owens, Monica
Parker, Chris
Parker, Dwayne
Parker, Dwight
Parker, John



Patrick, Melissa
Pearce, Curtis
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Periolat, Catherine
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Perrow, Leslie
Petcu, Lee



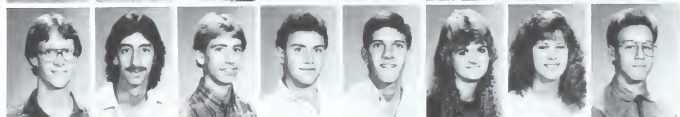
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Phipps, Michele
Pitt, Julie
Pizzuti, Val



Poff, Leanne
Polarek, Bob
Pomeroy, Eric
Pomianoski, Lisa
Poulos, Steve
Prassas, Pete
Pressel, Cindee
Primich, Martin



Prosser, Cathy
Prucinsky, Matt
Ramirez, Angle
Ray, Rhonda
Raymond, David
Redick, Jaben
Reggie, Pete
Reno, Kelly



Rettinger, Phil
Reynolds, Wesley
Richards, Bob
Riley, Steven
Risk, Bob
Roberts, Lori
Robertson, Dawn
Robertson, Norm



Ronneau, Evan
Rozdilsky, Paul
Ruble, Marla
Rumba, Brent
Rupp, Kristin
Rusnak, Steve
Ryan, Penny
Scholl, Drew



Scholl, Todd
Schultz, Barbara
Schultz, Robert
Schwab, Mark
Scott, Karen
Seeley, Marc
Seramur, Dennis
Seroczynski, Kelly

Serrano, E.J.
Shilander, Bob
Short, Bill
Shumate, Irene
Shurr, Barbara
Shurr, Susan
Sier, Rani
Silhavy, Tom



Small, Thomas
Smaroff, Duke
Smith, Curt
Smith, Hugh
Snider, Stephanie
Snider, Stephen
Snyder, Janean



Snyder, Leesa
Sorenson, Mike
Sovich, Kathy
Sovich, Kim
Speckhard, Pete



Spruitenburg, Scott
Standiford, Cynthia
Stanier, Jenny
Stokes, Chuck
Stout, Jennifer



Stover, Dawn
Strikwerda, Rob
Studenroth, Tony
Sullivan, Brian
Sullivan, Dennis



Sullwold, Greg
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Sutter, Matt
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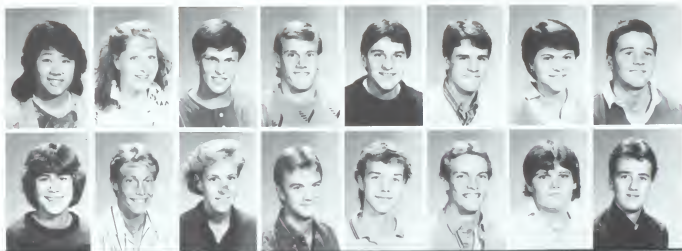


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Thiry, Allison
Tobey, Rebecca
Tolan, Ann
Trost, Tom
Tsoutsouris, Wolfgang
Ulanowicz, Karen
Ullom, Jeannine



Underwood, Lori
Urbanczyk, Sheila
Utterback, Matt
Vaca, Daniel
Valentin, Eric
Valpatic, Brian
VanDam, Robert
VanDenburgh, Rebecca





Vanderlinden, Veleta
Vanderwijst, Kim
Vandy, Erik
Vaughan, Rick
Ventura, Paul
Vernich, Dean
Vernich, Denise
Volk, Brian

Wagenblast, Laurie
Wainman, Paul
Waiesh, Jill
Walker, Mark
Wall, Hugh
Walls, Doug
Watson, John
Watson, William

Creative clock killing

As eyes wander across a crowded room, the two faces meet. A look of horror crosses the student's face as he spots the other face: the clock's face.

Forty-minutes are left in the period? How can this be? What seemed like eternity has in reality only been 10 minutes.

Every once in a while, no matter how studious one may be, the 50 minute period drags on just a bit too long. Sure 10 minutes have passed, but it's those last 40 minutes that kill. At this point clockwatching, writing notes to friends, shifting around in the

EVERY STUDENT HAD his or her own way of killing time before, during, or after class, although some were a little more subtle about it than others.

desk, drawing "cute" little pictures on notebooks, and of course, spacing-off begins.

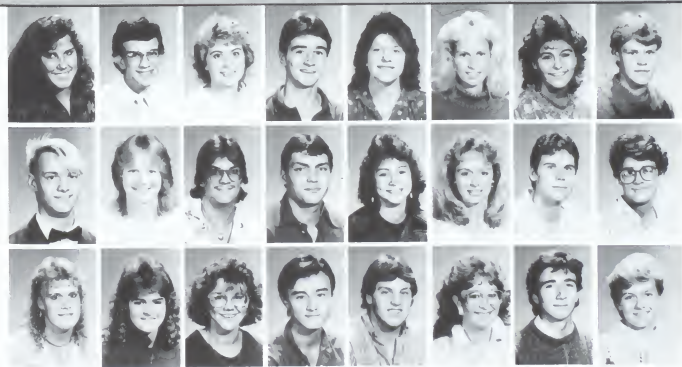
"I start watching people and look to see if they've worn their outfit already this week," said junior Beth Flynn.

Others may choose to spend time enriching themselves in an artistic way.

"I write poetry," said junior Pete Speckard, "and I usually end up getting so wrapped up in it that I'm totally oblivious to what's going on around me."

As the hour draws to a close and students sadly leave their "work," a quick thought enters their minds. "Was that person standing in front of us talking to US?"

by Shelley McMurtrey



Weigus, Erin
Weller, Jerome
Wells, Cyndi
West, Shayne
West, Victoria
White, Michele
Williams, Jennifer
Williamson, Shawn

Williams, Stephen
Williams, Theresa
Woodruff, Patrick
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Young, Jon
Young, Todd
Yuriga, Val
Zackiewicz, Rich
Zoladz, Traci

Sophomores

Sophomores dream big

Martin Luther King Jr. is famous for his speech that began "I have a dream..." While the sophomore class officers didn't lead a revolution, they were still in a position of power as the elected representatives of their class, and they had dreams, too...

"I'd like to make it possible for the students to go out to lunch everyday," said class president A. J. Fattore. "Also, it gets hot in here (the classrooms) in August and in the spring. I think we should change back to the shorts policy."

"One of the things I've been able to do is help start up the Pep Club again," said Kristy Hager, treasurer.

In spite of their big dreams, the sophomore class officers had one complaint.

"I don't really think we've been able to show our responsibility," said vice president Dave Pingatore.

The officers felt they had to play "second fiddle" to the juniors and seniors, not really having the chance to show their abilities.

While they didn't have as big a role in student government as the upperclassmen did, the sophomore officers had a few important responsibilities. For example, they were required to attend all Student Council meetings.

"Besides attending all the Student Council meetings, we were in charge of the sophomore class project," said Hager.

The officers had two main objectives during their "terms": to set an example for future sophomore classes and to find more things for future officers to do.

However, in the next two years, the officers will be ready to take on more responsibility.

"I look forward to next year," said Pingatore. "It'll be great to become more involved."

by Shelley McMurtrey

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Back Row: Kristy Hager, Treasurer; A. J. Fattore, president; Front Row: Dave Pingatore, vice president; Marybelle Ang, secretary.



Ailes, Jennifer
Albert, Tariik
Allen, Nathaniel
Allen, Terri
Amelang, Beth
Anderson, Thomas
Ang, Marybelle
Arnold, Lisa



Aytes, Richard
Bach, Cathy
Ball, Angela
Barnes, Sam
Bass, Chris
Bauer, Stephanie
Bauswell, Connie
Beaudoin, Jack



Bednarek, Ronald
Behrend, Rob
Bernard, Sarah
Betjemann, Dan
Biggs, David
Biggs, Sandi
Blomberg, Tamara
Blasingame, Tracy



Bogan, Scott
Bolton, Jennifer
Bowgren, Jeff
Bradley, Chris
Bray, Andrew
Brennan, Shawn
Briggs, Charles
Briggs, Mark





Brosky, Patti
 Broton, Lisa
 Brown, Jeff
 Brown, John
 Brown, Paul
 Brown, Scott
 Brown, Susan
 Brown, William David

Bruce, Lara
 Bryan, Brady
 Bulik, Denise
 Butler, Mary
 Butler, Mike
 Calvin, Victor
 Calzacorto, James
 Carlin, Matt

Carlson, Jeff
 Carpenter, Rebecca
 Carris, Jason
 Casbon, Scott
 Castleman, David
 Cavinder, Jill
 Choate, Richard
 Clark, Jeff

Clark, Todd
 Clels, Amber
 Clifford, Christa
 Coe, Tom
 Cole, Brad
 Cole, Jennifer
 Comerford, David
 Conde, Melissa

Condon, Rich
 Connors, Mike
 Corra, Christine
 Cottrell, Rodney
 Craig, Chris
 Crnevic, Danny
 Crowley, Mike
 Cuffie, Lisa

Cunningham, Pete
 Czekaj, Sandy
 Dabrowski, Julie
 Dally, Justin
 Daniels, Mike
 Davis, Brian
 Davis, Carrie
 Davis, Erica

DeFelice, Melissa
 DeMick, Jenny
 DePalma, Raymond
 Deal, Eric
 Dean, Charles
 Dean, Tom
 DeMan, John
 DeMan, Timothy

Denby, Steve
 Dennis, Tricia
 Derr, Tiffany
 Deu, Donna
 Dick, Christianne
 Dick, Tara
 Dillin, Jennifer
 Dombrowski, Nancy

Sophomores

Dougherty, Susan
Douglas, Charles
Douthitt, Toni
Drake, Scott
Ducat, Kathleen
Duncan, Deanna
Dunivan, Jamin
Dusek, Ginger



Dust, Jason
Dyniewski, Tammy
Earl, Jeff
Edwards, Kristian
Engel, Kathy
Erspamer, Lori
Evanoff, Van
Evans, David



Faber, Jeff
Farnum, Suzi
Fattore, A.J.



Ferngren, Amy Jo
Fierst, Gretchen
Fifield, Tara



Finlay, Ryan
Fisher, Jeff
Flory, Colleen



Flude, Bill
Frailey, Jeff
Franzen, Sherri



Frazier, Jim
Fry, Diana
Fuller, Bob
Furlin, Joe
Galasso, Andra
Garner, Chris
Gast, Mike
Gast, Thomas



Gerber, Melinda
Giesler, Robinette
Girgis, Lois
Girton, Angela
Goodwin, Rusty
Gorby, Brett
Graham, Debi
Greinke, Chad





Grube, Josh
Gudino, Ginger
Hager, Kristy
Hahn, Nathan
Halcomb, Buster
Hall, Kristine
Hamrick, Chris
Hanchar, Steve

Hanner, Matt
Hanson, Laura
Hart, Tabetha
Hartig, Mark
Hazlett, Ames
Healy, David
Hedge, Tanya
Hedges, Curtis

Sophs talk about freshman transfer

One of the more annoying aspects of getting older is parents deciding you have earned a few privileges, and then giving those same privileges to your little brother or sister at the time they give them to you.

Invariably, parents have the same excuse. "You don't have anything to complain about. What your little brother can or can't do needn't concern you at all." How wrong they are.

After coming to VHS, sophomores have traditionally enjoyed looking down on the "little ninth graders" in the junior high. This year, however, the ninth graders are in no position to be looked down upon, because they also are now attending VHS. From the big sophomore's point of view, what fun is that?

"I think the freshman coming here was unfair. They are allowed more academic choices than we were, because of the seven period day," said sophomore Tami Blom-

berg. "They are also allowed to do more things and play more varsity sports than we were. I don't think they were ready for the big change," she added.

Although many sophomores thought that the change was unfair, others thought it was advantageous.

"I like having the freshmen here, because I don't feel like I'm at the bottom of the heap. Now, all the jokes and everything are aimed more at the freshmen, and we sophomores sort of get overlooked. I don't think the freshmen coming to the high school was a big problem with a lot of the sophomores," said sophomore Kim Lewis.

Sophomore Darren Pedersen went to Fort Wayne Snyder for his freshman year in high school. "I guess it doesn't bother me either way about the freshmen coming, but that may be just because I'm used to it," he said.

One good thing that the sophomores saw in the freshmen, coming to VHS was the fact that they didn't have to be separated

from their friends who were freshmen.

"I was really glad that the freshmen came to the high school. I have a lot of friends in the freshman class," said sophomore Melinda Willis.

Juniors and seniors complained more about the crowding in the halls because they remembered what it was like with only three classes. Many sophomores said they didn't mind the freshmen because they never got the chance to attend a three year high school and see the difference.

"I didn't care about the freshmen coming," said sophomore John Pitt.

Sophomore Stacey Shearhod agreed. "It doesn't bother me at all that the freshmen are here. I don't know what it was like to be here without them. I imagine when they first decided to make this a three year high school a long time ago, everyone thought it was weird not to have the freshmen."

By Pete Speckhard

WAITING IN LINE at the self-service bar, sophomores Kristen McClanahan, Jenny Kline, and Starr Witherspoon discuss after school plans.



Henderson, Lisa
Hendricks, Jack
Hicks, Jeanette
Higgins, Bobby
Hill, Beth
Hill, Marguerite
Hoffman, Heather
Hoffman, Tom

Hofstetzer, Scott
Hofstetzer, Tim
Holt, David
Horn, Adam
Howe, Sharon
Hruska, John
Huber, Lori
Hudak, Bryan

Sophomores

Hudson, Sean
Humes, Matt
Hurni, Eddie
Hurst, Brad
Iliff, Lorraine
Ingram, Meri
Jakel, Eric
Janda, Tami



Jankowski, Ken
Jankowski, Matt
Jensen, Michael
Johnson, Christina
Johnson, Terri
Johnston, Jeffrey
Jones, Christa
Kallback, Kristy



Kaluzny, Michael
Kamanaroff, Keith
Kanagy, Chris
Keammerer, Nat
Kehret, Tim
Kenney, Gwen
Kerns, Chris
Kimerer, Joe



Kirk, Michelle
Kissinger, Julie
Klein, Jeffrey
Klein, Jennifer
Klinedinst, Becky
Klinefelter, Dan
Kolar, Matt
Kottka, Brian



Jobs offer extra cash

Many sophomores, after turning 16, are faced with an age-old dilemma. They are old enough to hold a job, but many have a hard time deciding if they want to look for one or not.

On one hand, a job will usually offer a sophomore the freedom to buy a lot more than he would otherwise be able to. That can be important, particularly when he wants to buy a car, or clothes his parents won't pay for.

On the other hand, holding a job and keeping up with school can be a lot of work. A lot of sophomores admit that they aren't ready to put in hours at a regular job, especially on weekend nights, when many working teenagers are called upon.

"I am self-employed at my own mobile-home service supply business. I make a lot of money, but I end up working weekends all the time because of school," said sophomore

Tony Simms.

Sophomore Todd Price said he was in a give and take situation. "I have a lot of free time because I don't have a job, but I also don't make any money," he said.

Another alternative is to accept a job with fewer hours, which offers working students some free time.

"I work all day Saturday and Sunday, every other weekend. That way, I make enough money, and I don't have to give up too much of my free time," said sophomore Darren Pedersen.

Several sophomores said they depend on their parents for an allowance, or get paid for doing chores and odd jobs around the house.

"I get an allowance from my parents, and I babysit a lot. It works out all right, but I think I'm going to look for a job this summer because I'd like to make a little more money," said sophomore Carmen Fulge.

EARNING EXTRA MONEY delivering newspapers, sophomore Matt Jankowski begins his daily after-school routine.

by Pete Speckhard





Kovac, Rebecca
Kozlowski, Beth
Kraatz, Karl
Krieger, Jason
Krueger, Randy
Kuehl, Dion
Kuehl, John
Kwok, Jeffrey

Landry, Michael
Landstrom, Glen
Lang, Dan
Largura, John
Larson, Mary
Lauer, Dan
Lawson, Michele
Lewis, Jennifer

Lewis, Kim
Lindsley, Dena
Lippens, Kelli
List, Daniel
Llomas, Richard
Lott, Erik
Luckett, Becky
Lyons, Mike

Macapagal, Marie
Machela, Jason
Magana, Nikki
Mahoney, Rob
Mallings, Cliff
Mansavage, Robert
Mantel, Brian
Mapes, David

Marion, Carrie
Marquez, Steve
Marshall, April
Martin, Chip
Martin, Daniel
Martin, Kerrie
Martz, David
Mathes, Andrea

McClanahan, Dristen
McDuddy, Michele
McDermott, Jeff
McDowell, Ronald
McGill, Maria
McDonald, Steve
McGuckin, Dan
McLane, Kelly

McNulty, Jill
Meeker, John
Metzger, Toni
Michelsin, Jack
Miller, Heather
Miller, Kim
Miller, Kristen
Miller, Michael

Miller, Naomi
Miller, Tim
Morgan, Erin
Morgan, Todd
Morgano, Bernie
Morris, Matthew
Moser, Jodie
Munoz, Moses

Sophomores

Murphy, Brain
Murphy, Martin
Najar, Christine
Najar, Dustin
Neal, Jeffrey
Nelson, Brian
Nelson, Robert
Nelson, Kara



Nettles, Wes
Netzhammer, Allison
Neuffer, Vic
Nevills, Jeff
Newell, Kevin
Newton, Hubert
Nicoletto, Derek
Nolan, Rhonda



Notaro, Dominic
Novak, Tony
Nuechterlein, Jeanne
O'Brien, Kent
O'Neil, Heather
Oestreich, Sheila
Okon, Carrie
Olmsted, Jennifer



Olson, Shawn
Osburn, Andy
Ott, Kenneth
Pace, Alvis
Pacholke, Arron
Patten, Paul
Pattson, Todd
Paulauskas, David



Pedavoli, Jim
Pedersen, Darren
Pekarek, Jamie
Pera, Megan
Perry, Douglas
Phillips, Lisa
Pingatore, David
Pishkur, Jody



Pitt, John
Polewski, Carolyn
Powers, Dawn
Price, Michael
Pritchett, Kelly
Proud, Scott
Pullara, Todd
Pullins, Candy



Ragsdale, Timothy
Reavis, Amy
Reynolds, Karen
Rhodes, Matt
Richart, Darcy
Rickman, Anthony
Riley, Larkin
Riley, Paula



Robinson, Angela
Ronco, Jason
Rosinski, Robert
Rouch, Jennifer
Rozinski, Ryan
Rucker, Randy
Rupnow, Dana
Saraffin, Paul





Sauer, Phillip
Savia, Ashesh
Scherschel, Laura
Schmidt, Tina
Schultz, Erica
Schwinkendorf, Brad
Serrano, Brandy
Shalapski, Dawn

Shearhod, Stacey
Sheets, Larry
Shlander, Russ
Shoemaker, Beth
Shultz, Darrick
Shurr, Carl
Siewers, Kristan
Sewin, Sean

Sitzenstock, David
Smith, Allison
Smith, Kim
Soliday, Kim
Soliday, Kirsten
Spanopoulos, Frank
Spejewski, Chris
Sperry, Steve

Stanczak, Jeff
Steele, Leonard
Stout, Derek
Stover, Kim
Stroguludis, Jill
Strong, Bill
Sullivan, Mary
Swisher, James

Licensed to give a lift

"Mom, I'm ready. Let's go!"

"Okay, I just have to get some money from the bank and pick up groceries for tonight, and then I'll drop you off."

"Mom, I have to be there by eight o'clock."

"No problem. How long do you think it will take for me to run a few errands?"

Suppressing the urge to be a smart-aleck, the intelligent 15-year-old chooses not to reply.

Transportation problem are usually solved when a person gets his driver's license. Many sophomores get their license during the school year, and if they don't, most have a friend who has a license. For the first time in their lives, they have freedom to go places without having to rely on mom and dad to get there.

"I don't have my license, and I really hate having to be taken everywhere. I usually have a friend drive me places, or else I try to have my mom take me," said sophomore Stacey Shearhod.

However, as sophomore Kim Lewis pointed out, "The problem with being driven places is you have to leave when your ride wants to."

Tami Blomberg has a driver's license, and said she often called upon by her friends to drive. "I take my friends lots of places, so they don't have to ride with their parents," she said.

When most kids turn 15, this "ticket to freedom", a driver's license, becomes an obsession.

"I am really getting anxious to get my driver's license, so I don't have to depend on other people for rides all the time. It's always a hassle getting somebody to pick you up and drop you off, especially when you just want to go somewhere for a little while," said 15-year-old sophomore Colleen Flory.

by Pete Speckhard

GETTING READY To drive home after school, sophomore Brian Davis takes advantage of his driver's license for transportation.



Sophomores

Swisher, Shelly
Synowiec, Paul
Szymanski, Mark
Taylor, Doug
Taylor, Jeff
Taylor, Jim
Thomas, Daniel
Thomas, Joe



Thomas, Melissa
Thompson, Kevin
Thorley, Timothy
Timmons, Shannon
Tischer, Melissa
Tittle, Dina
Todorovic, Danielle
Tolson, Dan



Electives: entertaining education

Decisions, decisions.

It wasn't bad enough that the sophomore class had to come to a new, huge, unfamiliar place on August 27, 1986. But they, unlike the freshmen, were faced with the challenge of choosing seven classes on their own to fill up each day.

Popular classes for sophomores included Geometry, Composition and Grammar, Reading and Vocabulary, Chemistry, Gym, and of course, the ever-popular Study Hall. Being able to choose electives seemed to be a positive aspect in the eyes of many sophomores.

"It's nice to have a 'say-so' in the choice of your classes," said sophomore Chip Briggs. "If you compared my report card in ninth grade to my report card this year there is a considerable difference."

"I think if you get to choose what you like to do, then you choose to do it better," agreed sophomore Jeff McDermott.

With the freedom of choice, some sophomores decided that this was the perfect op-

portunity to take a break from the tough, college-bound courses.

"I got to pick the easier classes like 'Foods' this year," said Tim Ragsdale. "Now I don't have to take worthless classes that I have no interest in."

"I'm getting much better grades this year," said Mike Connors. "because I got to choose my classes — the easier ones."

"There are so many classes to choose from. It gives everyone a lot more freedom than they had in junior high," stated sophomore Lara Woods.

Others chose the strict college prep routine which quickly points out one's strengths and weaknesses.

"Chemistry is my hardest class," said sophomore Heather Hoffman. "It's a totally different step from the other sciences I've studied, and everything is taught so fast that it's hard to keep up."

Luckily, every day no matter how strenuous (or not) a student's schedule was, he was able to take a break from it all in a differ-

ent sort of "class."

"Lunch is the best part of the day," stated Rob Mahoney, "I can relate to it pretty well."

Occasionally, no matter how much interest he has in the subject, a student performs poorly in class. Some students felt their poor performance was a result of the circumstances rather than their own lack of effort.

"Geometry is hardest because I hate my teacher," said one sophomore.

Another student said "My chemistry teacher makes it impossible to understand."

In spite of this problem VHS students have the opportunity to select from a wide variety of classes ranging from geology to marketing. With such a range of subjects, students can focus in on what their present interests are and also prepare themselves for the future.

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Tomasko, Don
Tomlinson, Jodi
Treble, Aaron
Trisick, Mike
Troup, John
Turner, Kim
Ulm, Karen
Ulman, James



Urukalo, Vesna
VanClef, Darrel
VanDam, Tara
VanRosendale, Kelly
Vanderwijst, Tami
Vedope, Aron
Vendl, Marc
Vitoux, Darrell





Wainman, Christopher
Walsh, Jim
Ward, Whitney
Weideman, Roger
Wendt, Thomas
West, Rachel
Westphal, Michele
Whaling, Matt

White, Chris
White, Hillary
Whitsel, Cindy
Whitton, Tracy
Wilbern, Robert
Williams, David
Williams, Erika
Williams, James



JUNIOR KAREN RUPP designs her "assemblage" of different shapes in sculpturing class while sophomores Brady Bryan and Scott Llamas observe. This class was one of the many electives offered to sophomores at VHS.



Williams, Ron
Williamson, Stacey
Willis, Melinda
Wilson, John
Wise, Todd
Witherspoon, Starr
Witt, Brian
Wolfe, Joseph

Woods, Lara
Worline, Lara
Yeoman, Ron
Young, Tim
Yuriga, Stacy
Zackiewicz, Cathy
Ziegert, Mark

Freshmen

Abbott, Alexis
Abel, Steve
Adams, Keisha
Aicher, Pam
Ailes, Jim
Albregts, Tonya
Alliss, Christine
Anderson, Christina



Anderson, Gary
Anselm, Stacy
Antrim, Mark
Arndt, Laura
Arnett, Clay
Astrologes, Cheryl
Austin, Jennifer
Ayoub, Mary



Climbing up the ladder

In any new situation, most people have to start at the bottom before they can get to the top.

As the first freshman representatives at VHS, the 1986-87 freshman class officers set up a format for their successors.

"Our main goal was to set the standards for the next freshmen officers so they will be more involved," said Alex Copeland, president.

Class officers, sponsored by Mr. Todd Bennethum and Mrs. Nancy Brown, attended Student Council meetings, where they gave their ideas and opinions.

"Our job was to listen to other freshmen and communicate the needs of the freshman class," said Kathleen Schenck, treasurer.

Throughout the year, the officers' main projects included working on all Student Council activities.

"Our job was basically about the same as the sophomore class officers," said Kelly

Smith, vice president. "We worked on the dances, soc-hops, and freshman class activities that were sponsored by the Student Council.

All four of the students attended Ben Franklin Junior High School, but none of them had been a class officer before this year.

President Alex Copeland, bluntly expressed his one main reason for running for office: "I ran because I thought that I could win."

The other officers had slightly different ideas.

"I wanted to become involved," said Kathleen Schenck. "It's nice to have a say about what's going on."

"I thought it would be fun to get involved in student government," said Julie Robinson.

Each officer planned to run for re-election as a sophomore in order to take a second step up the ladder at VHS.

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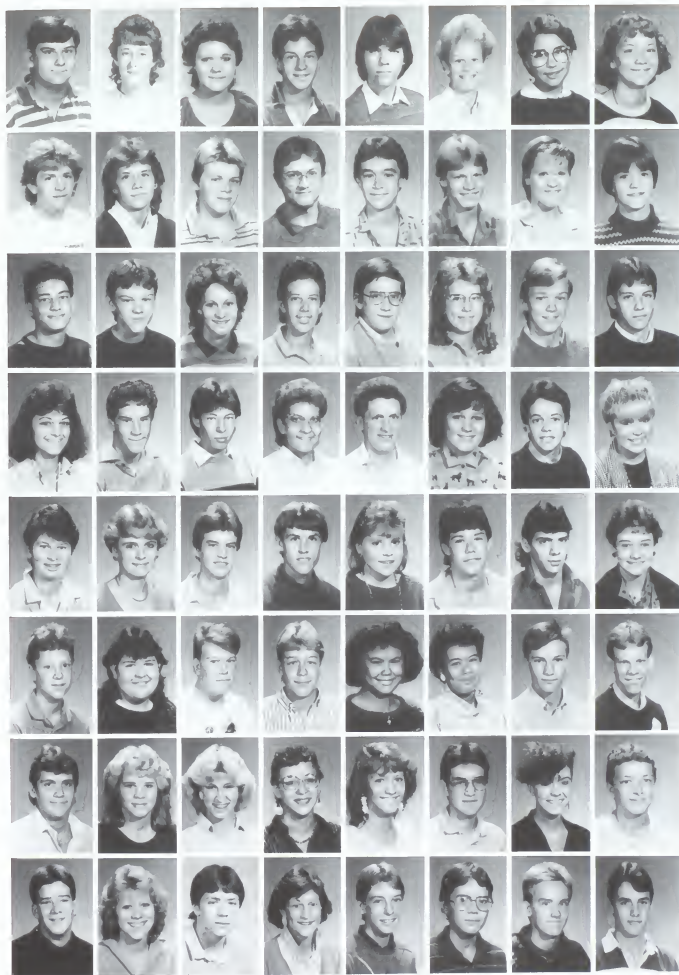
FRESHMAN OFFICERS — Kathleen Schenck, treas.; Kelly Smith, v. pres.; Julie Robinson, sec. Not Pictured: Alex Copeland, pres.

Baker, Steve
Ball, Steve
Barnard, Patti
Barnes, Greg
Bartlett, Vincent
Bauer, Todd
Beach, Toby
Beesley, Chad



Belgal, Phil
Bell, Christine
Bell, Todd
Bergman, Dan
Bernardi, Colleen
Berndt, Dewayne
Bickers, Keith
Biedron, Gail





Biggerstaff, David
Blackwell, Michele
Blanton, Judy
Bluhm, Chris
Blunk, Jesse
Bohning, Shannon
Bonifas, Amy
Bowden, Jennifer

Bowlby, Troy
Braden, Monica
Bradley, Arlin
Bradney, Charles
Bramlett, Jeff
Brandy, Peter
Brant, Christie
Brooks, Billie

Brown, Doug
Brown, Dusty
Brown, Kary
Bruder, Jeff
Bryant, Jack
Buhman, Debbie
Burge, Brian
Burns, Pat

Burrell, Carrie
Burrus, Michael
Butterfield, Bill
Campbell, Kristin
Carlberg, Eric
Carmona, Nancy
Carroll, Tim
Carter, Brenda

Casner, Heather
Castor, Kerrie
Cavanaugh, David
Cavanaugh, Robert
Charlson, Amle
Childress, Cristin
Church, Gerald
Clark, Candy

Clifford, Chris
Cochran, Ashley
Collins, Chris
Connors, Mark
Coolman, Kandel
Coolman, Kim
Copeland, Alex
Cornell, Craig

Cornell, Gene
Cornett, Amy
Corman, Carole
Cozza, Lisa
Craig, Jennifer
Crncevic, Jovan
Crowder, Tiffia
Crowover, Marc

Curtis, Andy
Cutler, Tamara
Daggett, Brent
Dalonso, Carrie
Davis, Chris
Cavis, Daniel
Davis, Don
Daye, Doug

Freshmen



Deal, Shannon
Dean, Tim
Decker, Bill
Delucenay, Roger
Delumpa, Consuelo
Demass, Lorelei
Demass, Roland
Demkowicz, Michael



Dennington, Kim
Dixon, Edward
Dixon, Michael
Doolittle, Mike
Dorsett, Tammy
Douglas, Richard
Douhan, Matthew
Downey, Barbara



Dudzienski, Greg
Dunn, Jessica
Durkin, Kelly
Edwards, Tom
Ehlers, Sara
Ehrenberg, James
Eisenmenger, Sandi
Ellis, Christine



Ellsworth, Laura
Engel, Heather
Epple, Jason
Etchison, John
Evans, Dan
Ferguson, Heather
Finley, Julie
Fitzgerald, Emmett



No such classy chassis

Every morning, as many juniors, seniors, and some sophomores pull into the VHS parking lot in their cars, most freshmen pull up in different type of vehicle - a school bus.

Freshmen could think of riding the bus as a "privilege." After all, they were the only people in the school who weren't able to drive. Unfortunately, few students consider it an honor.

"I hate riding the bus, but I really have no choice," said Amanda Jones. "I guess it's not fair that we can't drive except a lot of parents say you don't need to drive when you have a bus to take and pick you up."

Valparaiso Community school busses are not known for their plush seats, Dolby stereos, central heating systems, or jet speeds. However, some students have even bigger complaints than these.

"It stinks because I have to ride the bus 45 minutes each way," said freshman Ben

Mortensen.

Freshman Toby Beach complained, "It takes too long, the radios don't work, and in winter the bus is cold."

"I feel the busses should be more accurate with the times they pick you up at," added Cheryl Astrologes. "They also should be cleaner."

The classiest way to arrive to school is in a sports car, a limousine, or any car at all. But to arrive by bus rated low in most students minds.

"I prefer getting a ride when I can. It isn't 'cool' to ride the bus," said Susan Law, "I don't like riding the bus, but I put up with it."

"Riding the bus is 'O.K.," said Jon Ragsdale, "but I wish that I could drive now!"

Freshmen, one day it will be your turn to drive. Meanwhile, enjoy the ride.



by Shelley McMurtrey WHILE BUS RIDING was not a favorite activity it was a necessity for students without cars.



Fleming, Michael
Fletcher, Amy
Follis, Kristen
Freitag, Christian
Fritz, Leslie
Funk, Chris
Furlin, Lauretta
Galey, Scott

Gazdich, Todd
Gertsmeier, Jon
Gifford, Paula
Gilmore, Pat
Gomersall, Thomas
Gordon, Jeffery
Gott, Jeff
Gott, Sonya

Griffin, Jamey
Groark, Melanie
Gudino, Jodi
Guillaum, Bruce
Hackett, Andrea
Hahn, Noah
Hain, Michelle
Hanes, Rob

Hanner, Mark
Hardesty, Mike
Hardin, Phillip
Hardwick, Matt
Harrington, Neill
Harris, Matt
Hart, Lisa
Hartman, Craig

Freshmen

Freshmen undertake an uphill climb



A CROWDED CAFETERIA is the reason that freshman Bryan Siewin and senior Bryan Truitt sit together during lunch.

At the beginning of a long, hazardous trip, a mountain climber may feel any number of emotions while staring up the face of a cliff, including depression, excitement or fear. Likewise, he may experience a mixture of feelings when he nears the top, such as regret at the end of his adventure, or relief that he is still alive. One thing is certain, though. He will have learned a lot, and changed somewhat, as his perspective of the mountain changed along the way to the top.

How different is the veteran from the rookie? One indication is the difference between VHS freshmen, who are just starting their climb to the top, and VHS seniors, who are hiking up the last leg of the journey.

"I've learned tons beyond just classroom stuff, but most of it you can't tell to someone, they just have to learn it for themselves," said one senior.

Many differences between freshmen and seniors are merely because of age, not the difference in grade. For example, most freshmen are not old enough to have a driver's license. An informal, random survey showed that about seven out of every ten freshmen take buses to school in the morning, while only about two of ten seniors ride the buses. Most seniors drive or get a ride from friends, but the freshmen who don't ride the bus usually get a ride from their parents. "It is sort of a bummer getting a ride

with my mom because she doesn't like rock music, but I don't have much of a choice," said one freshman.

Most freshmen are also too young to hold jobs. The poll showed that, although only about 10 percent of the freshmen have a regular job, nearly all of them receive an allowance, babysit or do odd jobs like shoveling snow for their money. Approximately 75 percent of the seniors reported having a regular job, but the seniors also said they tended to save their money, while the freshmen said they spend as much, as if not more than they earn. As one freshman put it, "After all, a little deficit spending never hurt anybody. What I can't earn, I borrow."

Freshmen and seniors do share one interest — Friday nights. Students of all grades reported that their favorite weekend activities include going to sporting events and parties afterward.

Friday night is more popular than Saturday night because many school sporting events are on Fridays, and Saturday many people go to bed earlier because of church on Sunday.

Freshman Susy Yelkovic summed up the student's opinion by stating, "I live for Fridays. When Monday comes, I start thinking about the next Friday."

by Pete Speckhard

Hartwig, Erica
Haugh, Shannon
Hawkins, Tiffany
Heinberg, Rob
Helton, Eric
Herma, Scott
Hess, Jeffry
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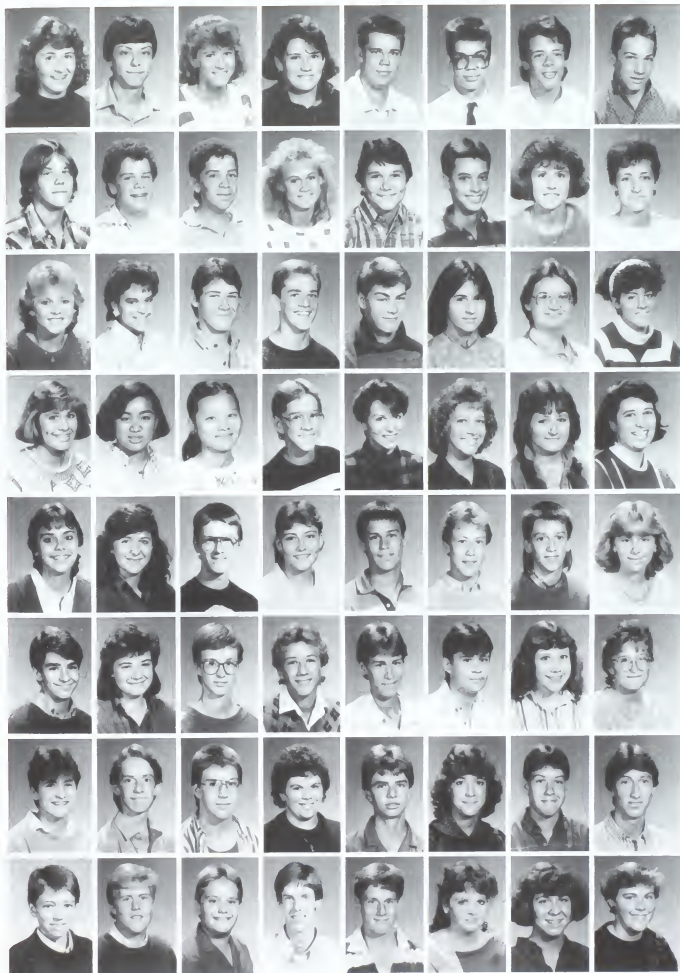


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Hill, Jennifer
Hollett, William
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Johnson, Brent
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Johnson, Kathy
Johnson, Renee
Johnson, Sean
Johnston, Colleen
Jones, Amanda





Juras, Christine
Kaleth, Jeff
Kelly, Kathy
Kiernan, Tara
King, James
King, Matthew
King, Mike
Kinsey, David

Kirk, John
Knoche, Ronald
Knoche, Steven
Kobe, Julie
Kovac, Joshua
Kozlowski, Danny
Kraatz, Kami
Krayniak, Leslie

Kuhlmeier, Tonya
Kush, Laurie
Lackey, Aaron
Lacopo, Dominic
Landgrebe, Thomas
Landry, Dawn
Langwell, Cindy
Largura, Caryn

Laterzo, Charlott
Law, Susan
Lee, Jennifer
Lethen, John
Levi, Erika
Lewellyn, Darlele
Lewis, Crystal
Libassi, Lisa

Lintner, Marguerite
Lloyd, Jennifer
Lovall, Chris
Ludington, Cara
Lukafka, William
Machela, Mike
Machsch, Scott
Mansavage, Jill

Markette, Robert
Markley, Jennifer
Marrell, Richard
Marshall, Scott
Martin, Joel
Marvin, Michael
Mathews, Mary
Maul, Brenda

Mayes, Vicki
McCasland, Kevin
McClintock, Troy
McCorkel, Sheri
McGuinn, Matthew
McKuen, Amilee
McLinn, Mike
Milanowski, Matt

Millar, Jarett
Miller, Jason
Miller, Joel
Mitchell, John
Moe, Eric
Moody, Gloria
Mooney, Jaimilyn
Moore, Heather

Freshmen

Moore, Missy
Moran, Stacy
Morrison, Daniel
Mortensen, Benjamin
Moser, Brandi
Mowbray, Joe
Mullendore, Joe
Mundt, Marston



Mutka, Jennifer
Myers, Tiffany
Nagubadi, Nitha
Naillieux, Jill
Newsom, Todd
Nightingale, Chad
Nimetz, Melissa
Norris, Suzi



Nykiel, Chad
Obermeyer, Sherry
Oeding, Holly
Oliver, Teresa
Olson, Jason



Oluvic, Chris
Ortega, Aida
Ortman, Gregory
Osner, Sean
Pampalone, Gina



Papachronis, Tina
Park, Kathryn
Pathak, Sandeep
Patton, Clay
Payne, Jenny



Perolat, Lee
Perkins, Donya
Perrine, Sandy
Peshel, Brian
Petcu, Scott



Peters, Steffany
Peterson, Wanda
Pequet, Nicki
Pfleger, Julie
Phares, Charles
Piekarczyk, Jennifer
Pitt, Jennifer
Pizzuti, Kristen



Porter, Jeff
Powell, Mike
Precourt, Lisa
Putman, Larry
Quarnstrom, Mike
Ragsdale, Jonathan
Ramirez, Giovanni
Randall, Christopher





Redar, Brian
Redmon, David
Reed, Rodney
Reinhart, Michael
Resh, Bob
Reynolds, Dan
Riffel, Michele
Rigg, Daniel

Rizzo, Kyle
Roach, Jason
Roberts, Kelly
Robinson, Julie
Robinson, Mark
Rose, Janine
Roseberry, John
Rucker, Teresa

Frosh face the unknown

Any new kid on the block is apprehensive about what lies ahead of him. Who will his friends be? Will he be accepted? Will he like his new home?

On August 27, 1986, when VHS opened its doors to 422 new freshmen, many of them were unsure of what to expect. Not only was the size of their previous school doubling, but they were also the youngest students at VHS and subject to possible abuse by upperclassmen.

Many students found that VHS wasn't all that bad. Attending a bigger school did have its advantages. At VHS, freshmen found that there were more activities to be involved in and more people to meet.

"I like being a freshman here," said Sheri McCormel. "I've met a lot of new people and it has been a new experience for me."

With so many more people, some freshmen faced the grim reality that they might not see their old friends as much.

"I don't like being a freshman here because none of my friends are in my classes like it would be in junior high," stated Colleen Johnston.

"We were forced to grow up a year earlier than we would have had to in junior high. We could not afford to act immaturely now," added Kelly Smith.

"In junior high we would be leading," said Julie Robinson, "but here we're certainly not."

Some freshmen worried that they might be harassed by upperclassmen. As usual, the kill-lists, verbals abuse, and locker stuffing were more "talk than action."

"Generally, I haven't been troubled in any way," said Brian Peshel, "nor have I seen any freshmen bothered."

"No one gives me any problems at all," said Aaron Vaughan. "It's excellent being with people older than you. More things happen, and everything is great!"

by Shelley McMurtrey

IN THE EVENT of a real emergency, knowledge of CPR can be lifesaving. Freshman Matt Harris performs CPR on a dummy in Health and Safety class.



Sampson, Kellie
Sattler, Stacy
Schacki, Bradley
Schenck, Kathleen
Schmidt, Kellie
Schneckenburger, Brian
Schroeder, Amy
Schulz, Paul

Schwartz, Brian
Scime, Mike
Senne, Tanya
Seroczynski, Leslie
Shirey, Eric
Shupe, James
Sier, Jami
Sievers, Stephanie

Freshmen

Siewin, Bryan
Sihavy, Mike
Simpson, Gwen
Simpson, Tanya
Sinclair, Matt
Smith, Amy
Smith, Keith
Smith, Kelly



Smith, Kerrie
Soliday, Jason
Sowers, Dennis
Speckhard, Joseph
Spencer, Heleine
Spruitenburg, Sussan
Stanier, Becky
Stanier, Laura



The spirit of radio is alive and well

"Good morning Chicagoland! It's a snowy 6:30 a.m., and we are about to start a half-hour of non-stop rock, right after this from . . ." Sound familiar? Probably not, if you are always still sleeping at 6:30 a.m., but even so, you probably listen to the radio at 7:30 a.m., while you try to eat and get dressed at the same time so you won't be late. The fact is, nearly everyone listens to the radio in morning, rather than cassettes. A number of colorful reasons, ranging from, "You get more variety of music with radio" to "None of my tapes give the weather report," are given by avid radio listeners.

"I like to keep up with what is popular," said one freshman. "I don't have enough money to buy the new records," she added.

Expense plays a major role in many peo-

KILLING TIME BEFORE soccer practice, freshmen Sandeep Pathak and Eddie Vahary listen to the radio outside the gym.

ple's choice to listen to the radio.

"Tapes cost about \$7 in stores, and about \$2.50 blank, which is pretty expensive for only nine or ten songs, especially when there is no guarantee that the tape won't break," said a freshman, although he reported having a few tapes of his "absolute favorite" albums.

Convenience was another big plus in favor of radio according to one sophomore. If you go somewhere with a walkman, you either have to carry along a bunch of tapes, or else you end up listening to the same stuff over and over again. You get new music without lugging around a lot of tapes with you, when you listen to the radio," he said.

"A lot of times I'll be with a lot of people, and nobody will be able to decide what tape to play, because everybody likes different music, so we just play the radio to settle it," said one freshman. "That way, you always

have a chance of hearing one of your favorite songs," she added.

An average stereo will get excellent sound with FM stereo reception, assuming the station is close enough. The little noises and tape hiss that accompany most recordings can drive perfectionists to listen to the radio, or buy a CD player. Most choose the radio.

Many radio-listeners want to keep up with what's happening, so they listen to the radio for news briefs, sports, and weather between the songs.

"I think people who listen to the radio tend to know more about what is going on than somebody who spends all day plugged into Zeppelin."

The last reason reported for listening to the radio was, "I don't have a decent cassette deck."

by Pete Speckhard





Steif, Michael
Steindler, Nicki
Stevens, Jennifer
Stevens, Scott
Stith, Hannah
Stooksbury, Angela
Stout, Kevin
Struble, Audra



Sullivan, Colleen
Sullivan, Maureen
Swartz, Julie
Swisher, Antonio
Szymanski, Walter
Talley, Patrick
Tapp, Kim
Taylor, Arron



Taylor, Jason
Thomas, Craig
Thompson, Eric
Toian, Elynn
Tomerlin, Craig
Trawinski, Shannon
Trinidad, Elizabeth
Tursman, Donny



Uriss, Kara
Vahary, Eddie
Vajda, James
Vandy, John
Vangel, Christopher
Vaughan, Arron
Vendi, Dave
Voigt, Melissa



Voller, Meredith
Walsh, Deborah
Wardrop, Dick
Wasemann, Tony
Wasemann, Valeri
Watson, Scott
Watt, Kelly
Weiland, Amy



Werner, Rachel
Whalen, Samantha
Whiteside, Tammy
Whitten, John
Williams, Chuck
Williams, Rodney
Wilson, Mames
Wilson, Jennifer



Wilson, Scott
Wilson, Sheila
Withrow, Jennifer
Woodbury, Eric
Woodruff, Sellina
Woods, Ami
Workman, Katherine
Worstell, Jennifer



Worthy, Kim
Wykoff, Jami
Yates, Cindy
Yelkovic, Susan
Yocum, James
York, Sarah
Zale, Paul
Zrodowski, Jeff

Administrative system rolls with the changes

What would happen if the administrators decided they weren't going to show up for a week? If you answered, "Not much!" you were right. Nothing would get done.

"Our job is to see that all students feel that they fit in with the program. That means everybody, no matter what his or her interests are," said Assistant Principal Steve Cronk who joined the administration this school year. Previously, Cronk was principal of Covington High School in Covington, Indiana.

"I came from a school where we could not offer anything more than the basics. Here at VHS, the students can take classes for just about anything. We definitely have something for everybody," Cronk added.

Dr. David Bess, principal, saw the changes at VHS this year as positive ones. "Although the philosophy behind our program hasn't changed, we have had to improve our methods to accommodate more people," he said.

In the new system, Cronk handled activities as well as freshman and sophomore discipline. Assistant Principal Robert Sutton served as athletic director and supervised upperclass discipline, while Bess handled scheduling of school affairs.

Changes usually mean a period of dis-

ruption, until things get back into a routine. The daily routine in the office changed quite a bit, but the entire staff was quick to adjust. Although it required more work, the administrators felt that the new system was more efficient.

"Remarkably, the only problem that presented itself which we didn't foresee was the fact that many freshmen couldn't reach their top locker shelf. That possibility never entered my mind," said Bess.

Several minor policy changes came with the new school year. Three of the most noticeable changes were a fourth lunch period, 24 busses unloading and picking up students, and the student smoker identification card which allowed students to use the smoker's lounge before school and during lunch.

"We felt that a system of monitoring the smoker's lounge was necessary, especially with younger people coming to the high school," said Bess.

The administrators were much busier this year, as students saw just by looking into the office at any time during the day.

"Yes, we have had to work harder this year, but the change over (to a four year school) went very smoothly," said Bess.

by Pete Speckhard



SCHOOL BOARD FOR the Valparaíso Community Schools: Front Row: Dr. Mark Reshkin, Mrs. Mary Moore, Dr. Robert Koenig, Back Row: Mr. Joe Black, Mr. Robert Malackowski.



SUPERINTENDENT OF VALPARAISO Community Schools, Mr. R. James Risk, is also Chief Executive Officer for the Board of Education.





MODELING CLOTHES FOR the DECA "Fall Fashion Fantasy" are Jeff Leffew (at microphone), Jeff McDermott, Bernie Morgano, Mr. Steve Cronk with his son Adam, Mrs. Cronk with daughter Lindsay, and Andrea Dennis.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Steve Cronk handles freshman and sophomore discipline as well as non-athletic extracurricular activities.



OVERSEEING CURRICULUM AND personnel are the duties of Mr. Garth Johnson, assistant superintendent. He retired at the end of the '86-'87 school year.

IN ADDITION TO overseeing all upperclass disciplinary problems, Assistant Principal Robert Sutton was director of boys' athletics.



AMONG THE DUTIES of Principal David Bess are the development of curriculum and preparing the master schedule. He presided over all Faculty Advisory Board meetings.

Behind the scene crew 24 hours every day

In a film, the people who receive all the credit are the actors. But without the people involved behind the scenes, there would be no lights, camera, or action.

The same situation occurs everyday at VHS. Whether the students are sleeping comfortably, sitting in class, or watching "The Love Connection" at home, someone is always at VHS making things run smoothly.

A day in the life of VHS's "behind the scenes crew" is something like this:

5:30 a.m. — After a night of vacuuming classrooms, emptying garbage cans, and cleaning restrooms, the night custodians return home to sleep and recover. They must be back again by 9 p.m.

6 a.m. — A few food service workers arrive to begin lunch preparation.

7 a.m. — The secretaries arrive to already ringing phones. Immediately they begin setting up appointments, lining up substitute teachers, and helping students. Sue Peloso, secretary to the principal, types up the daily bulletin while Marilyn Hayes, guidance secretary, arranges guidance appointments and helps students research various colleges.

"I love to work with people," said Peloso excusing herself to answer the phone, "but I guess the one thing I find hardest is the constant interruptions."

9 a.m. — The rest of the lunch crew reports to work. Kitchen supplies start coming

in and preparation begins. After the first hour, custodians sweep hallways for scattered paper and debris.

10 a.m. — Guidance secretary, Marilyn Hayes, helps students research colleges.

11 a.m. — While the first lunch is being served, Elener Nelson, an aide, holds down the fort in study hall.

"Many kids don't have the environment at home that is conducive to studying," said Nelson, "so it is really important to have it here."

12:40 p.m. — Custodians rush madly to get things ready for the next study hall beginning in five minutes. At the same time, the outdoor workers pick up refuse in the schoolyard.

1:30 p.m. — Food service workers finish cleaning and start preparing for the next day. Meanwhile, Marilyn Hayes sends students guidance office notes.

2:30 p.m. — It's almost over now! For most people, anyway. The secretaries continue to answer calls and questions. The guidance secretary collects SAT money. Aides and food service workers go home, but the custodians carry on. For them, this is when the real work starts!

3:30 p.m. — Teachers "punch-out" for the day. Classrooms, offices and hallways are empty, except for a few people... VHS' own behind the scenes "stage crew."

by Shelley McMurtrey



OVERSEEING THE GIRLS' locker room for all physical education classes is part of Mrs. Mary Rybak's daily routine.



RECORDING THE FINANCES of the school, clubs, and athletic programs is treasurer, Margaret Sorensen and her assistant Mrs. Nancy Brown.



CAFETERIA WORKERS — Front row: June Herr, Ruth Wilson, Ann Abraham, Mary Ilgenfritz, Lois Bruder, Wilma Luther, Fern Lowe, Linda Cleis, June Buck, Lil Swickard. Back row: Jan St. Germain, Pat Forsythe, Georgia

Prowand, Chris Tichy, Troy Libassi, Marlon Osterhout, Cheryl Swisher, Joan Stombaugh, Nancy Ritchie, Susan Tylicki, Marsha Kobe, Vivian Breen, Audrey Hartman.



AS ONE OF her many duties, main office secretary Sue Peloso helps sophomore Jeff Fisher cut paper down to size.

IN ADDITION TO food preparation and distribution, the food service staff is responsible for kitchen maintenance.



MRS. MARJORIE BARANOWSKI — aide
 MRS. PATRICIA BENTON — attendance secretary
 MRS. NANCY BROWN — aide
 MRS. ROSEMARY BUTT — attendance secretary
 MRS. EDIE GEE — registrar
 MRS. SHARON GOTT — Aide
 MRS. JUDY HAWES — food service secretary

MRS. MARILYN HAYES — guidance office
 MRS. LEAH HENRIQUES — food service analyst
 MRS. PAT HIGBIE — main office secretary
 MR. BOB KAMINSKI — aide
 MRS. ALICE KRUEGER — library secretary
 MRS. ELENOR NELSON — aide; FEC sponsor
 MRS. NANCY NOBLES — special ed. aide

MRS. SHARON NUPPNAU — career center director
 MRS. SUSAN PELOSO — secretary to Dr. Bess
 MRS. ALICE SCHEFFER — aide
 MRS. MARGARET SORENSEN — treasurer
 MRS. RACHEL WEST — athletic secretary
 MRS. SUSAN ZULICH — aide

Presidential award recognizes Ellis

As the Chicago Bears captured the 1986 Super Bowl crown, fans marveled over their successful season. This year, after 27 years of teaching at VHS, Glen Ellis, math teacher and avid Chicago Bears fan, captured his own "crown", the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

In early spring, Ellis received a letter informing him he was one of the 120 math teachers in Indiana nominated for the award.

Ellis was then required to send in a resume about himself, regarding his activities and his teaching policies.

Of the 120 math teachers nominated, only 40 submitted their resumes to the state committee. The state committee selected their top three choices, of which Ellis was one, and sent them to the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C.

"At this point, I felt my chances were one in three," joked Ellis, "but I knew there were many good teachers. Now, all I could do was wait."

On September 8, 1986, Ellis received a

letter from the White House congratulating him for being Indiana's winner of the math division of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Ellis and 107 other math and science teachers from throughout the U.S. and U.S. territories, received a \$5,000 grant given to the school, a certificate signed by President Reagan, and a trip to Washington D.C. in October.

"I would like to use the money to buy awards for high achievers in each math class. I want to set up a committee to select the students," said Ellis, "I think it might give the students some extra incentive."

On October 21, 1986, Ellis traveled to Washington D.C. to attend an awards ceremony and math convention.

"I was really amazed at the city. It's such an inspiring place," stated Ellis, "We really received the 'red-carpet treatment' there."

Throughout the four days, the teachers toured the city and attended several luncheons, dinners, meetings and workshops. Topics discussed at the workshops included

several educational issues, curricular problems, conditions of good teaching, and public relations.

"It was really great to be associated with those people," said Ellis. "They were really high quality professionals and individuals."

The awards ceremony was held at the National Academy of Science. William Bennett, the Secretary of Education addressed the teachers. As part of the ceremony, one science and one math teacher were chosen to give a speech on their schools and teaching techniques. Ellis was the math teacher selected.

"It was a great honor to be chosen to deliver the speech to a group of people that I respected so much," said Ellis, "especially after I had received so much already."

One mystery still remains. Who nominated Glen Ellis?

"I checked around here at school," stated Ellis, "but I just couldn't find out anything."

by Shelley McMurtrey

MRS. SALLY ALTES — Spanish
MR. KURT ANDERSON — art; photography; art dept. chrnm.
MRS. VELLA ANDERSON — business; business dept. chrnm.; domestic exch. sponsor
MR. JOHN ANGYUS — industrial technology; VICA; ICT
MRS. MARCIA ARNOLD — Spanish; for. lang. dept. chrnm.; FEC sponsor; stu. fac. senate; principal eval. comm.

MR. BEN AUSTIN — physics; IPS
MRS. CHERYL BAGNALL — home economics
MRS. ANNE BAKER — social studies; parent teacher comm.
MR. BOB BARTHOLD — phy. ed.; frosh. football coach; frosh basketball coach
MRS. NANCY BENDER — social studies dept. chrnm.; girls' golf coach; domestic exch. sponsor; academic decathlon coach.

MR. TODD BENNETHUM — science; frosh. football ass't. coach; stu. council sponsor
MRS. JANICE BERGESON — science dept. chrnm.; academic decathlon coach; parent teacher comm.
MISS ELAINE BEVER — guidance counselor
MR. CHARLES E. "SKIP" BIRD — English; boys' swim coach
MRS. ELKE BOWMAN — English; JV volleyball coach





AFTER HE FORMALLY received the Presidential Award for Science and Mathematics in Washington D.C., Mr. Glen Ellis was recognized at the State Senate chamber in Indianapolis by Senator William Costas.



MR. BILL BOYLE — science; intramural basketball
MR. TERRY BRENDEN — English
MS. LIZ BROWN — learning center; media specialist
MR. KEN BRULAND — Spanish
MR. BERNARD BUTT — choral music director; carolers, mixed swing choir; carolers, girls' swing choir



MR. ROBERT CAIN — art; IPS comm.
MRS. DONNA CALZACORTO — business; hoosier academic super bowl
MR. DALE CICIORA — social studies; FCA; stu. fac. senate
MRS. KATHERINE CLARK — English; VALPO; parent teacher comm.
MR. ZANE COLE — industrial technology; ass't. director of transportation



MRS. DAWN COLLINS — PVE dept.; YARC sponsor
MR. HARLEY COLLINS — English; health; boys' basketball head coach
MRS. JUDY COMMERS — business; DECA advisor
MR. JOHN COOK — phy. ed.; football ass't. coach; wrestling head coach
MRS. LORIE COOK — phy. ed.; gymnastics coach

Faculty

MR. TERRY COX — history; industrial arts; football ass't. coach; track ass't. coach

MR. STEVE DAVIS — biology

MR. DON F. DICK — guidance director; IPS comm.; student review comm. chrmn.

MRS. CATHY DOFKA — learning disabilities teacher; YARC sponsor

MR. GLEN ELLIS — math dept. chrmn.; convocations director; parent teacher comm.; NHS comm.; IPS

MISS LISA ENGEN — French; cheerleader co-sponsor; IPS comm.

MRS. NANCY FICKEN — phy. ed.; frosh. girls' green volleyball coach; girls' track ass't. coach

MRS. MARA FIEGLE-HICKS — math; junior class sponsor

MISS DEBBIE FRAY — German; var. girls' track ass't. coach; girls' cross country ass't. coach

MRS. ALICE GAMBEL — speech, theatre; drama club, Thespian sponsor

MR. BIFF GEISS — French; Spanish; var. baseball ass't. coach

MR. DEAN GERBER — learning center director; VALPO comm.; NHS board

MRS. DALE GORDON — English

MR. DALE GOTT — math; phys. ed.; soph. football coach; frosh. baseball coach

MR. GARY GRAY — industrial technology; phys. ed.; J.V. football; J.V. baseball

MR. JERRY HAGER — PVE dept. chrmn.

MRS. CAROLYN HARDEBECK — French; stu. ass't. comm.; stu. fac. senate

MRS. ELIZABETH HALL — English

MRS. KAREN HARTMAN — science; V. teens sponsor; nature study area director

MRS. JEAN HECKMAN — English; NHS sponsor; VALPO comm.

MR. JOHN HERSHBERGER — math

MRS. DORIS HILDRETH — school nurse; health sciences; VICA sponsor

MR. JACK HILDRETH — guidance counselor

MRS. LENORE HOFFMAN — English dept. chrmn.; fac. adv.

MR. MARK HOFFMAN — health; phys. ed.; var. football head coach; track coach; SADD sponsor; intramural sponsor; weightlifting club sponsor

MR. FRANK HORVATH — industrial technology educ.; vocational educ.; VICA; architects club

MRS. CATHY HOUIN — special educ.

MISS GINGER JONES — home economics; cheerleading sponsor

MR. DAVID KENNING — industrial technology; girls' basketball coach; VICA

MR. JOHN KNAUFF — English; frosh. boys' basketball coach; ass't. athletic director; FCA co-sponsor



Dealing with dreamers

John Doe sat during the chapter review staring out the window. The minute hand on the clock above the door stood perfectly still, and every time he checked the time, John sank further into his own world full of distracting thoughts.

Suddenly, he noticed the room was completely silent. A cold feeling of impending doom crept up his spine. He looked around and saw 30 smiling faces waiting expectantly. Apparently, he'd been called on. There was no way out of it. He turned to the front of the room, after realizing a mad dash for the door wouldn't work, and met the teacher's icy stare.

"People don't space off in my classes because they know I'll pound on them," said Mr. Sid Reggie, social studies teacher. "Seriously though, everyone has a bad day once in a while, when they're just not with it. I don't mind as long as it isn't a regular occurrence," he added.

"I don't take a lot of that (sleeping in study hall). If it happens more than once with the same student, I'll send them to the office," said Mrs. Gretl Bondi, a study hall aid.

Mrs. Mara Fiegle-Hicks said she calls on students as soon as she loses their attention. "It brings them back down to earth," she noted.

Most teachers agree that keeping students involved is the key to an interesting class. If somebody does start to daydream, most teachers try to talk to the guilty party after class, rather than embarrass anyone in front of all their classmates. There are, however, a few exceptions.

The majority of the students admitted that paying attention in class was not an unreasonable request. Judging by the number of students who spent entire class periods staring out the window; however, the task was harder than it sounds.

"Would you like a little pain today?" is a phrase that is often heard when Mr. Reggie finds somebody who isn't paying attention.

by Pete Speckhard

MAINTAINING ORDER in his seventh hour class, Mr. Sid Reggie wields his blackboard pointer as a reminder to students to pay attention.



MR. MARK KNAUFF — math; business education; var. girls' volleyball coach; J.V. girls' basketball coach
MR. LANCE LEACH — business;
MRS. JUDITH LEBRYK — English; NHS ass't. sponsor; IPS; VALPO
MRS. BRENDA LOTT — social studies; FEC co-sponsor; IPS co-chrmn.; stu. ass't. comm.
MRS. PATRICIA MACK — math; parent teacher comm.



MRS. CHERYL MAESCH — interdisciplinary seminars; VALPO
MRS. JOAN MAHONEY — Spanish; stu. ass't. comm.
MR. WESLEY MAIERS — math; FEC sponsor; graduation comm.
MRS. LINDA MALOTT — fine arts; photography
MISS CYNTHIA MANILARDI — special education dept. chrmn.; fac. adv.; parent teacher comm.



MRS. LAURA MARTIN — phy. ed.
MRS. JILL MCGOIGLE — math
MR. JAMES MCMICHAEL — guidance counselor; parent teacher comm.; financial aid chrmn.; summer school principal
MS. BARBRA MILLER — English; speech team advisor
MISS JEAN MILLER — Latin

Faculty

MR. MARTIN MILLER — social studies; NHS comm.; stu. ass't. comm.
MR. ROBERT MILLER — music director; fac. adv.; parent teacher comm.
MR. RICHARD MITCHELL — math; ass't. football coach
MR. DOUGLAS MORTHAND — science; frosh. ass't. football coach
MRS. DIANE MORYL — English; stu. fac. senate



Staff accommodates capacity crowd

Students often feel intimidated on their first day at a new school. The fact that a new student doesn't know any body is bad enough, but, invariably, his locker will refuse to open no matter how he tries to force it, he will get hopelessly lost between classes, and he won't even have close to enough time to finish his lunch.

New teachers have to overcome that feeling of intimidation, too.

"I was kind of apprehensive about coming here, although I had requested the transfer," said new English teacher Elke Bowman.

Jill McGonigle said she wondered whether or not she would be accepted by her fellow math teachers. "I had mixed feelings about coming here. I know I wanted the change, but you always wonder if you're going to be accepted by your peers. As it turns out, everything is fine. I'm treated just like all the other teachers. But for a while there, it was scary."

Despite their nervousness about work-

ing in a different atmosphere, most of the new teachers at VHS requested to transfer from junior high teaching for various reasons.

"There is a lot of cooperation here, between the teachers and the administration. Everyone is open to new ideas," said Carol Phillips, a new teacher from Benjamin Franklin Junior High. "I don't feel like I'm working against anyone," she added.

"I was really looking forward to the change, and working with older kids. I like being around people who are a little more mature," said new science teacher Fred Schmett.

Cathy Houin was excited. "I came from Central School in Portage. I kind of regretted leaving, because I had to leave behind some of my best friends, but I couldn't pass up this opportunity."

One point of discussion among the new teachers was the facilities available to them. Many thought the VHS facilities were excellent, but others said they needed some time

to get used to how different the system here is compared to their respective old systems.

"Better facilities wasn't the only reason I requested the transfer, but it played a major role in my decision," said Bowman. "The English department here has a lot of things going for it. The English office is a prime example. When you share a classroom, it's hard to get organized, and the office is somewhere to base your operation. I think people just take some good things for granted because they've never had to do without them," she added.

"The facilities here are excellent, but that is not unusual for a school this size. What really makes the difference is the people. All the facilities in the world can't teach," said Houin. "If the teacher is good, the students will learn," she added.

The new teachers came from different school, but they are all trying to fit right in at VHS.

by Pete Speckhard

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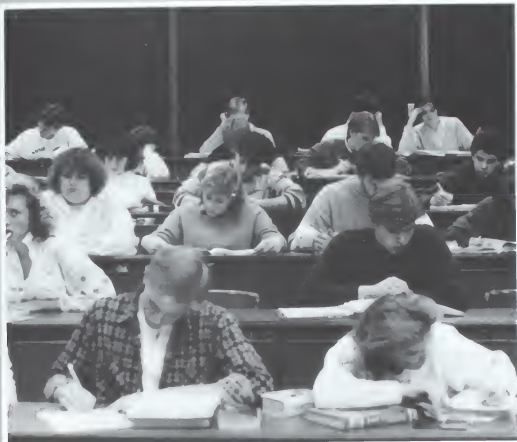


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WHEELING HER MATERIALS to another classroom is Mrs. Carol Phillips, English teacher. The addition of the freshman class forced several teachers to share rooms.

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In recent years, many cities in Northwest Indiana have seen their downtowns "die out" due to the emergence of shopping malls. Fortunately for local merchants, this was not the case in Valparaiso. Although consumers did have the County Seat Plaza to lure them away from Lincolnway, business in downtown Valpo was "very prosperous," according to Judy Hutton, president of Associates in Downtown Valparaiso.

"Progress is our middle name," said Hutton. "There's no doubt about it — this is the place to be. People really want to be right here on main street."

While business downtown thrived in 1987, in the County Seat Plaza, the story was slightly different. "There have been a lot of establishments flip-flopping in and out. As far as first-year businesses go, half make it, half don't," said Mike Blythe, former president of North Side Organized Retailers Together (NORTH).

"The steady merchants — those who have been established for four or five years — aren't complaining, though. They say business is pretty good," he added.

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by Karen Mutka





VALENIAN STAFF MEMBERS Melissa Bubik, Heather Fierst, Mrs. Gloria Zimmerman, Karen Mutka, Amy Sanford, Pete Yelkovic, and Pete Speckhard celebrate the completion of another

40 pages for their February 9 deadline. The staff ate at Greek's Pizzeria which moved to its Indiana Avenue location this year.

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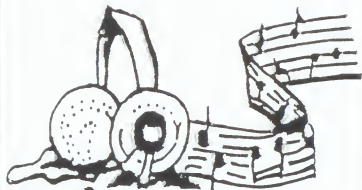
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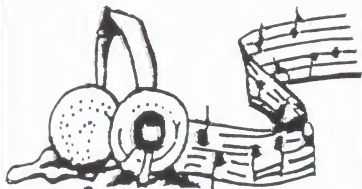
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Byvoets got the job through his father, who is a friend of the food distributor for concession stands at Soldier Field. Byvoets was the third member of his family to work as a vender.

"It's sort of a tradition in our family," said Byvoets. "My two sisters did it before, and I thought it would be fun."

On game days, he traveled with his father, who works in Chicago.

"I try to arrive at the stadium about an hour before kick off," said Byvoets.

His salary varied from week to week because each vender's pay is based on how much he sells. Typically he made \$80 a game.

Although Byvoets had the prestige of working at Soldier Field, he said it wasn't always as much fun as people thought. For example, he didn't get to watch much of the games.

However, Byvoets felt the job was a good experience because he learned how to deal with people. "The one thing for sure is that people are always yelling at you because they either want something hot to drink or you are in their way," he said.

by Donna Hardick

ON THE WEEKENDS, senior Sean Byvoets works as a vender at the Chicago Bears games at Soldier Field.





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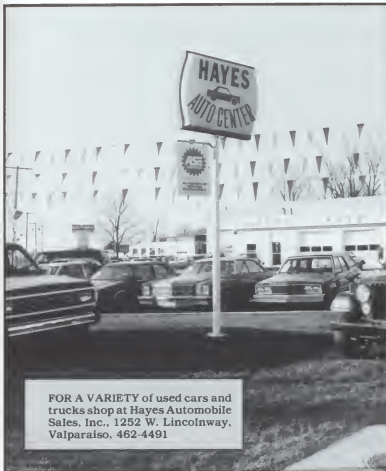


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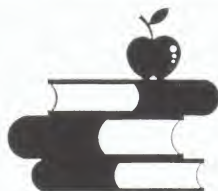
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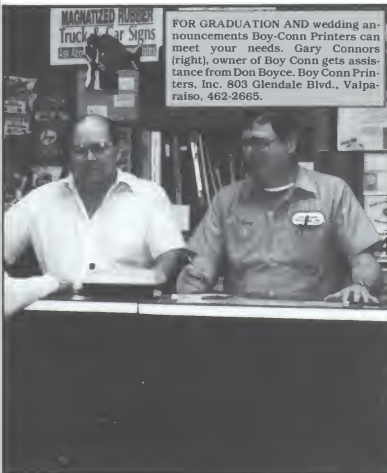
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It's a hull of a

City

During the 1960's and 1970's, the downtown Valparaiso business community sailed smoothly in economic waters. In recent years, however, suburban shopping malls such as Southlake and the County Seat Plaza have punctured holes in the once-prosperous "hull" of Valparaiso. Because of the emergence of these new suburban "vessels," venerable downtown anchors such as Harvey's, J. C. Penney's, Sears and the ornate Premier Theater have vanished like ships in the Bermuda Triangle.

Instead of giving up hope, downtown merchants and professionals have worked even harder to restrengthen this hull of Valparaiso and to restore downtown to its formerly-competitive economic position.

In order to ensure a prosperous future, Associates in Downtown Valparaiso (AIDV) was organized by merchants and professionals wanting to improve the Central Business District. Judy Hutton, a downtown businesswoman and member of AIDV claims that the organization's work in promoting Valpo's downtown has been successful.

"Valparaiso's downtown doesn't have a large amount of vacancies anymore; the storefronts are filled; there's a long waiting

list for openings, and it has the highest rate of occupancy around," said Hutton.

The Clothes Loft, a store popular among teen-age girls, has been located in downtown Valparaiso since 1979. Store owner Sue Reavis loves her location and intends to remain there. "Business is great. We listen to customers' wants and give them what they ask for. We're always improving our merchandise and service, and, most importantly, we enjoy what we do," she said.

In addition to promoting economic growth, interested groups have stepped-up efforts to beautify and preserve the historical ambience of downtown Valparaiso. Sidewalks and curbs have been repaired, and flowers and plants are planted annually downtown in an effort to improve its aesthetic appearance.

Furthermore, improvement of several downtown buildings in 1986-87 has helped beautify

downtown. For example, the facade of Martin Binder Jeweler's building was repaired, and historic exterior fixtures and windows were restored. Also, Northern Indiana Bank's main office addition underwent a facelift consisting of an entirely-new stone exterior.

While some critics may charge that downtown Valparaiso has been mortally wounded by the emergence of suburban shopping malls, the State of Indiana has recognized that Valparaiso's downtown deserves inclusion in its charter "Main Street" program. This program will provide consultants and other materials designed to help the city utilize its downtown business district to the fullest potential.

Of course, only time will tell if downtown Valparaiso will inevitably prosper or if it, like so many other American downtowns, will sink like the *Titanic*. Nevertheless, renewed emphasis upon beautification, promotion and preservation of Valparaiso's downtown would seem to indicate smooth sailing ahead.

by Pete Yelkovic
and Lori Sier

MICHAEL'S RESTAURANT ENJOYED great popularity among Valparaiso residents during its charter year of business in 1986-87. This establishment proved that businesses can look attractive — even in downtown Valpo.



NORTHERN INDIANA BANK'S new addition sports a new stone facade. The bank was one of a number of downtown businesses renovating building facades in 1986-87.



SALE SIGNS SERVE as woeful reminders of current economic troubles facing America's downtowns. Harvey's dimestore, once an anchor of Valparaiso's downtown, closed its doors in March 1987.

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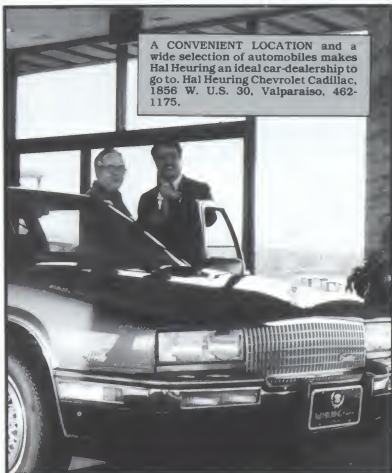
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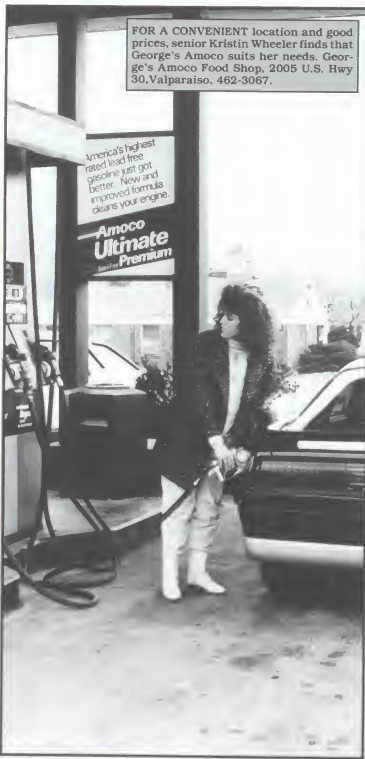
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VHS said, "Greeks is the one . . ."

MAKING PIZZAS IS one of the many jobs that senior Jason Willis does while working at Greeks, 59 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso, 464-7102.

Decisions can be tough — especially when there are many options from which to choose. However, for Valparaiso High School students one decision they made was quite clear. In 1987, Greek's was the number one place to eat pizza in Valpo.

In a recent survey of the school population, Greek's was named the favorite of Valparaiso's twelve establishments. "I like Greek's the best because it tastes good, and most of my friends like it too, so there's no controversy over where to get pizza," said sophomore Carl Shurr. Junior Sarah Andrews agreed, "Their pizza is very good and I like the atmosphere."

Most teens made weekend visits to Greek's after a game or the show. "I usually order pizza to be delivered, but when I do go to Greek's it's usually on weekends," explained Shurr. Andrews said that she went to Greek's "for family celebrations and dates."

Although there are several pizza places in Valpo, one place — Greeks — stood out above the rest in VHS students' minds.

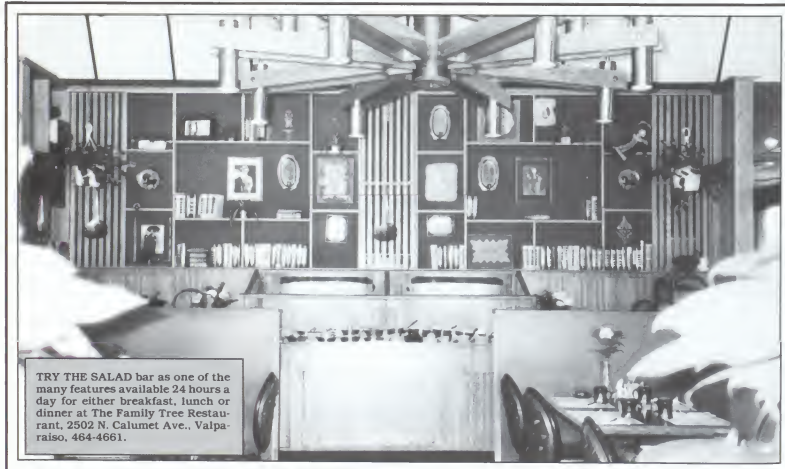
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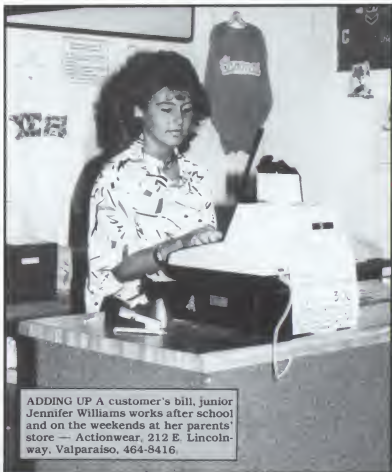
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PIZZA MAKING IS one of the duties senior Jason Willis and 1986 VHS graduate Mike Smith have at Greek's Pizzeria, 59 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso, 464-7102.

Michael's



SENIOR MAUREEN PETRO finds Engstrom's to have a nice variety of quality rings to choose from. Engstrom's Jewelers, 2814 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso, 464-4040.



ADDING UP A customer's bill, junior Jennifer Williams works after school and on the weekends at her parents' store — Actionwear, 212 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, 464-8416.

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An annual event for physics students, the bridge contest provides an opportunity for these budding scientists to apply their knowledge and to earn extra credit points. Can you name all of the sciences taught at VHS? If not, take a look at pages 32-33.

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Band members march through Disneyland during spring break. This California trip, partially financed by the band parents group, rewarded dedicated A-Band members for their contribution to instrumental music at VHS. Check out pages 38-41 for more band info.



April Antics '87 consisted of many fairy tale characters including Little Miss Muffet, Captain Hook and a fiery dragon. Do you remember what the audience participation song was? If you don't, you might want to see pages 22-23 for the answer.



Senior Joe Martz speaks about the duties of National Honor Society (NHS) members at the December initiation ceremony. NHS is only one of a number of honorary organizations at VHS. Can you name any others? If you can't, you'd better see pages 56-57.

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Assistant Superintendent and former VHS principal Garth Johnson speaks to a crowd at his retirement banquet in May. After 35 years in the educational profession, Johnson said farewell to the Valparaiso schools.

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Tying it Together

Food for Thought

Historically, people have been taught never to mix business with pleasure. But for the 1987 Valenian staff, business was a pleasure. We discovered that although putting together a 216-page book was a lot of work for a small staff, it was also a lot of fun. Although we moaned and groaned over deadlines, missed interviews, and photo sessions, we never tried to pretend we didn't enjoy the thrill of piecing together the story of a year.

We estimate that each spread in this book has an average of 10 hours of our labor behind it. Many spreads represent more than 20 hours of our time.

While at some point in the year, every one of us was frustrated, we hung on. Admittedly, we were helped along the way by plenty of "food bashes," Mrs. Z's brownies and daily entries on the Valenian satire board. But we're proud to say we survived. We survived computer problems, photography problems, deadline problems — possibly every imaginable difficulty in the publications world.

After a year of seemingly endless work, we're ready for the "release" of the 1987 Valenian. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

by Karen Mutka

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*Remember
When ... ?*

October

As part of the deal to free American reporter Nicholas Daniloff from a Soviet prison, President Reagan and the Soviet Union's Mikhail Gorbachev met briefly in Reykjavik, Iceland. They discussed the possibility of an agreement to destroy all of our offensive nuclear weapons within the next 10 years.

The summit collapsed on Sunday, October 12, when Reagan refused to agree to a Soviet demand that research and testing for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) program be limited to the laboratory.

"The Soviet Union insisted that we sign an agreement that would deny to me and to future presidents for 10 years the right to develop, test, and deploy a defense against nuclear missiles for the people of the free world," said Reagan.

No date was set for a future summit between the two leaders.

by Karen Mutka



March: AIRPLANE!

Nobody was quite sure how it happened, but in March Northwest Indiana residents fell prey to the "airplane scam."

Vidette-Messenger reports claimed that the game began in southern Indiana during the summer of 1986 and crept north. Meanwhile, the Lake Station Police Department charged that a Kentucky native brought the game to Northwest Indiana and later bailed out with \$60,000. Whatever the case was, "some people won a lot of money, and a lot of people lost out," as one VHS student involved in the swindle stated.

Each game began with a "pilot" who recruited two "co-pilots" and four "crew

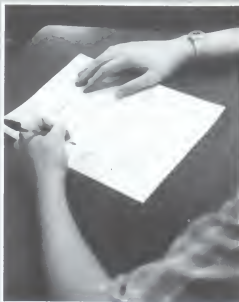
members." These seven each recruited eight "passengers," who had to pay a given amount to buy a "ticket."

The pilot took their ticket money and left the game, while the players remaining split into two new crews.

Each passenger's goal was to get to the pilot's seat, where he could receive approximately eight times the sum of his original investment.

Although by Indiana law it was not a crime to participate in an "airplane," anyone who lost his investment through the deal could sue his recruiter for a reimbursement.

by Karen Mutka



VHS STUDENTS JUMPED at the chance to buy tickets for flights in the Airplane game. Pilots "flew" their planes with the help of crew members, who recruited passengers.



SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL Gorbachev and United States President Ronald Reagan discuss arms control in Reykjavik, Iceland. The summit lasted two days.



Lugar speaks at VHS

During his tour of Indiana high schools, 11-year United States Senator Richard Lugar stopped at VHS to speak to the senior class. In a seventh-hour convocation that sparked unrest in the student body, Lugar stated that the academic performance level of American high school students is slipping behind that of their foreign counterparts. According to Lugar, students need to take education more seriously, so that they may insure the future success of the United States.

ALL EYES WERE on United States Senator Richard Lugar when he spoke to the senior class during a February convocation.

Lugar encouraged students to "speak up" during his presentation, and he spent approximately 30 minutes responding to their questions and comments concerning national and political issues.

Following the convocation, Lugar donned a sweatshirt and, flanked by two security men, ran three miles with the boys' track team.

by Karen Mutka

MEMBERS OF THE senior class admire their gift to Valparaiso High School. The sign, which cost the class \$2600, was set up in front of the school in the lawn along Campbell Street.





Flashbacks

Surviving changes
With little trouble . . .

Changes are nothing new to the Valparaiso Community School System, but with the "freshman addition," we faced an extraordinary amount of change. Although we expected the worst, it was a relatively quiet and uneventful year at VHS. Like any other year, we took the good with the bad. But because we knew what was coming, we handled the newness of the 1986-87 year with surprising ease. Our tradition of excellence remained constant — in student life, clubs, academics and sports.

While we were troubled by controversial issues like the airplane scam and the shorts policy, the progress we made in other areas made up for these problems. For the first time, a VHS teacher was chosen as one of the United States' outstanding math teachers. Meanwhile, the Student Faculty Senate left its mark in the school history book by initiating a final exam exemption policy for seniors.

What a year!

It was a year that took a lot of effort and energy to work through successfully, but we did it. Although the change to a four-class high school was a bit of a struggle, WE MADE IT FIT.

by Karen Mutka



JUST AS SENIORS Jeff Leffew and Larry Wright broke through this obstacle, the VHS student body destroyed barriers caused by the rise in enrollment during the 1986-1987 school year. Although sometimes it was a tight squeeze, WE MADE IT FIT.

We Made It *Fit*





Colophon

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